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Le Roy SFSP Staff Awarded Summer Hunger Hero Award from No Kid Hungry

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For the past two summers, the lunch staff at Le Roy Junior-Senior High School has received Special Service Program (SFSP) recognition from the Food Service Director.

After a stellar year in 2025, the team was hoping for more — including all the work paying off in the district's lunch menu. Instead, the team received a surprise call from Kid Hungry organizers.

Back in the fall, Food Service Director Jeff Kelly said the staffers have put into practice what they learned at conferences.

Melissa Saunders, the Le Roy Junior-Senior High Principal, coordinates the district's Food Service Program. She said the district's lunch program was established in the fall during the first quarterly meeting of the school year. Kelly presented the program's feeding site, receiving meals, and the program's benefits to students and pick up program.

The goal is for the program to provide "nutritious meals for any income population." Saunders said the program is not continued. "It's a limited-time funded program. It allows us to provide meals to students, regardless of their parents' income or participation in programs, whether they're eligible for free or reduced lunch or not. It provides meals, breakfast lunch to students.

Similarly from the lunch program is allowed to participate in the program, "anyone that's at a place of the school district or every student, regardless of their parents' income," Kelly. Saunders said the only requirements are that students must be present at the site.

Kelly said Hunger became a priority for the district and the staffers upkeep. Kelly said the district's goal was to help with labor and food supplies.

Melissa Saunders with the award certificate from no Kid Hunger.

The Summer Food Service Program staff at Le Roy CSD.

Kelly changes — and he credits through the charity Share the Harvest — the district's food service program, which has been ongoing for the United States.

Kelly said the program has been ongoing since the 1970s, with ups and downs. The program is "a great program," he said, "and it's very valuable to the students that it serves."

Kelly said, now personally, the summers and the recent years have been "a lot of work." Kelly said the program has been instrumental in the district's lunch program, "because it's a really good advocate and is a great program for our students, and they have ideas, they have resources, and they have a lot of people who are willing to help."

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