

# North Carolina Child Nutrition Weekly Update



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## **SP 28-2014 – Paid Lunch Equity: Guidance for School Year 2014-15**

USDA has released the requirements that must be met by the School Food Authority (SFA) in order for the State Agency (SA) to approve a waiver from the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) for the SY 2014-2015. The requirements are included in the attached policy memo SP 28-2014 which was released on March 20, 2014.

In order for the SA to approve a waiver, the SFA must have a minimum of three months operating balance and meet several other qualifications. The other qualifications have been included in the "PLE Waiver" document attached. A completed "PLE Waiver" and official letter must be submitted to the SA.

The SA will officially notify the SFA upon approval or denial of the waiver request. If the SA is unable to approve the waiver, the SFA will be required to increase the paid lunch prices or receive non-federal funds in lieu of based on the completed SY 14-15 PLE tool.

Any questions regarding the PLE Waiver should be submitted to Janet Johnson at [janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov)

**sp-28-2014.pdf** - Paid Lunch Equity: Guidance for School Year 2014-15  
[ple waiver.docx](#)

## **SP 29-2014 – School Breakfast and Smart Snacks Waivers**

USDA recently released policy memo SP 29-2014 to notify State Agencies (SA) and School Food Authorities (SFAs) that there will be no waivers for the School Breakfast (SBP) and Smart Snack requirements that become effective July 1, 2014. The Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2014 (P.L 113-76) included language that directed the USDA to establish a process that would allow State agencies to grant waivers for the 2014-2015 School to any local education agency (LEAs) unable to implement the forthcoming Smart Snack interim final rule and/or SBP requirements without incurring increased costs. USDA's Office of the General Counsel has confirmed that the USDA is prohibited by Federal law from waiving these regulations or authorizing State agencies to grant waivers.

Please continue to prepare for the implementation of both the breakfast changes and Smart Snack requirements that go into effect July 1, 2014.

**sp-29-2014.pdf** - Consolidated Appropriations Act Report Language on Waivers for School Breakfast and Smart Snacks

## Welcome to the Team!



The newest addition to the NCDPI Child Nutrition Services team is Cynthia Ervin. Cynthia comes to us from the Department of Health and Human Services, Nutrition Services Branch where, as many of you may remember, she was the Coordinator of the Summer Food Service Program. Cynthia is now the Child Nutrition Consultant for the Seamless Summer Option program administered by Child Nutrition Services. We invite you to join us in extending her a very warm welcome. We are very happy to have her on board.

Contact information: **Cynthia Ervin**, [cynthia.ervin@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:cynthia.ervin@dpi.nc.gov), 919.807.3505

## Seamless Summer Option Educational Webinars Scheduled

### *Interested in serving nutritious meals during summer 2014 under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO)?*

If so, you must attend the SSO training. For your convenience, the SSO training is being offered through "GoToMeeting". You must have internet access and should click on the join meeting link specific for each "GoToMeeting" at least 15 minutes prior to the training. For audio, dial the phone number specific to training, and enter the access code and the meeting ID as prompted. A total of five (5) GoToMeetings have been scheduled. All five trainings will be conducted using the same agenda and PowerPoint presentation but is limited to 24 access lines. The dates and times are as follows:

<b>Monday, April 14, 2014</b>	<b>2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 16, 2014</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 22, 2014</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Thursday, April 24, 2014</b>	<b>3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.</b>
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Please review the attached for instructions for accessing each meeting. If you have general questions about the training, please contact Cynthia Ervin at 919-807-3505 or via e-mail at [cynthia.ervin@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:cynthia.ervin@dpi.nc.gov) and she will respond to your inquiry.

[sso webinars.pdf](#)

## What's New on the Web?

### **Community Eligibility Provision**

A page has been developed on the Child Nutrition website for information and resources on Community Eligibility Provision. The new page accessible from the homepage at: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/> and the direct link to the Community Eligibility Provision page is:

## Policy Memos

The following USDA Policy memos have been added to the website:

- SP 16-2014
- SP 17-2014
- SP 18-2014
- SP 19-2014
- SP 20-2014
- SP 21-2014

You may view or download the memos at: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/regulations-policies/usda-policy-memos/usda-policy-memos/2014>

## Food Recall Notice

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is alerting consumers to avoid eating certain peanut butter, cheese, salsa, and spreads produced by Parkers Farm Acquisition, LLC of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, after state agriculture department product sampling determined some of the finished products to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria.

For a list of the specific recalled products and other details visit:

[http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm390421.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm390421.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## Farm to School in North Carolina – An Opportunity to Provide Input

The Farm to School Coalition of North Carolina received a USDA Farm to School grant to develop a database of Farm to School contacts in the state, host regional stakeholder meetings, hold a state Farm to School conference and develop a strategic plan to advance Farm to School efforts in the state. A stakeholder meeting will be held in each of the eight educational regions in the state. You have an opportunity to get involved starting with the first two stakeholder meetings scheduled for Friday, April 4 in Boone and Thursday, April 10 in Asheville. Teachers, Child Nutrition staff, school administrators, public health professionals, and anyone else working to teach children about local food and farms are welcome to attend.

The purpose of the stakeholder meetings are to share details of the USDA grant awarded to the coalition, collect information on individuals and resources that could be listed in a new statewide Farm to School directory, and glean input regarding the strategic planning process and content. Please see attached flyers for

info regarding the two upcoming stakeholder meetings. Details regarding additional upcoming stakeholder meetings will be shared once available.

[f2s-asheville.pdf](#)

[f2s-boone.pdf](#)

## 2014-15 Every Kid Healthy Week: Action for Healthy Kids - April 21-25, 2014

Schools nationwide have implemented wellness initiatives to promote and reinforce healthy eating, physical activity, nutrition education, and physical education in order to increase student achievement. Action for Healthy Kids will be recognizing Every Kid Healthy Week on April 21-25, 2014. During the observance and throughout the month of April, we will work with schools across the country to host Every Kid Healthy events that celebrate the sustainable changes they've made to encourage students to eat better and be active every day.

Every Kid Healthy events help to promote the great work schools are doing through various school wellness programs. From hosting family health fair nights, renovating school play grounds, painting healthy murals on schools, working in the school garden, or providing taste tests; schools nationwide have taken advantage of hosting Every Kid Healthy events to bring together school members, parents, families, and community members to roll-up their sleeves and get involved to promote & showcase their school wellness programs. For additional information click here:

[http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/storage/documents/teams/admin\\_docs/EKH\\_Week\\_handout.pdf](http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/storage/documents/teams/admin_docs/EKH_Week_handout.pdf)

Every Kid Healthy Schools implementing an Every Kid Healthy Week event can share their story by filling out this quick survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MWCQTWS>

## Grant Opportunities

We have received information on several grant opportunities available to SFAs. Please review the attached for information about the following grants:

- **2015 Farm to School Grant Program**
- **Winston Industries Equipment Award Grant**
- **2014-15 School Grants for Healthy Kids**
- **School Breakfast Program Pilot and/or Expansion**
- **Universal School Breakfast Pilot**

[grant opps.pdf](#)

## Gearing Up for School Health Webinar

Gearing Up for School Health - "Riding the Path to a Comprehensive School Health Program"  
**SPARK**

**March 19, 6-7 pm ET**

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/351360522>

You can't ride a bicycle unless all the parts are working and working together to give you a smooth ride to your destination. A successful comprehensive school health program (CSHP) must have all components working together for one common goal.... building healthier students. Come to the next SPARK webinar to learn about strategies for building your program and leave with an action plan with activities to make it happen. Students must be healthy in order to be educated, and they must be educated in order to stay healthy. A comprehensive school health program can lead your school down that path by guiding the implementation of programs, policies, and activities to improve the health of children. Our guest speaker is Jessica Lawrence of Cairn Guidance will share her experiences in building a CSHP. So register now to start the journey towards a healthy school environment!

Attendees will:

- Be presented with the relationship of health issues to education accountability measures
- Understand the CSH model and how CSHP fits into the model, and hear examples
- Be presented with information on how to build sustainable school health programs
- Be encouraged to set one next step goal around what they learned on the webinar today

## 2014 Summer Food Service Program Webinar Series

**Webinar Title:**

*"Keeping Schools Involved in Summer Meals"*

**Date & Time:**

April 3 at 2:00PM-3:00PM EST

**Registration:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SFSP2014>



**Description:** School authorities, teachers, community organizations, and parents are interested in getting involved in summer feeding? Our webinar *"Keeping Schools Involved in Summer Meals"* will present examples of schools that have made the Summer Food Service Program successful. The guest speakers on the webinar will talk about what it takes for schools to run the summer feeding program in their communities, provide ideas on leveraging partnerships, and illustrate innovative ways to feed children during summer when school is out. Schools are a great resource; they can work with school officials to keep the schools open for summer food, serve as a food vendor, use school grounds for sites, and provide transportation.

The instructions for joining the webinar are attached. Should you have questions or need additional information please contact Cynthia Ervin at [cynthia.ervin@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:cynthia.ervin@dpi.nc.gov) or 919.807.3505.

[sfsp agenda&instr.pdf](#)

## Weekly Q&A – NC HACCP Plan and Pre-Prepared Foods

**QUESTION:** What is the time frame for Pre-prepared Foods to be kept under the NC School HACCP Plan?

**ANSWER:** Since there is some concern about potential food waste in schools, a 4 week time period has been directed to allow time for cycle menus to utilize the pre-prepared foods. The intent is to discourage stock piling school-prepared frozen foods that may not be of the highest quality once thawed and reheated.

The frozen shelf life tables in the HACCP Plan are generally recommendations for *commercially-prepared* frozen foods.

## Vacancy Announcement – Stokes County Schools

**SFA Name:** Stokes County Schools

**Position Title:** Child Nutrition Director

**Closing:** April 4, 2014

**How to Apply:** Anyone interested should submit cover letter and resume to Melisa Jessup, Executive Director of Human Resources, Stokes County Schools, [melisa.jessup@stokes.k12.nc.us](mailto:melisa.jessup@stokes.k12.nc.us). Please review the attached vacancy announcement for application instructions and additional details about the position.

[stokes cnd.pdf](#)

## Vacancy Announcement – North East Carolina Preparatory School

**SFA Name:** North East Carolina Preparatory School

**Position Title:** Child Nutrition Director

**Closing:** April 18, 2014

**How to Apply:** Please review the attached vacancy announcement for application instructions and additional details about the position.

[necp cnd.pdf](#)

## Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Educational Opportunities

*NC Safe Plate* is a new CFPM course developed jointly by School Nutrition Services Section and North Carolina State University Co-operative Extension. The course will provide instruction and an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited CFPM examination for the Person in Charge (PIC) of a food establishment as specified in Paragraphs 2-102.12(A) and Section 2-102.20 of the NC Food Code Manual.

This course with examination will initially be offered free of charge to a limited number of PIC (i.e. school nutrition managers) as a pilot project on the dates listed below. The two-day course will be taught from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm each day at the locations below. Participants will be responsible for all related expenses of travel, lodging, meals, and snacks. The registration details will be announced in a future Child Nutrition Weekly Update so that CN Administrators may share the course information with managers needing to become a CFPM. Class size is limited and available only to PICs who are not currently certified or whose certification expires by August 31, 2014.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>May 12-13</b>	Scotland County Co-operative Extension	231 E Cronly St Laurinburg, NC 28352
<b>May 19-20</b>	Northampton County Co-operative Extension	9495 NC 305 Hwy Jackson, NC 27845
<b>May 27-28</b>	Lee County Co-operative Extension	2420 Tramway Rd Sanford, NC 27332-9174
<b>June 9-10</b>	Haywood County Co-operative Extension	589 Raccoon Rd Waynesville, NC 28786
<b>June 12-13</b>	Caldwell County Public Library	120 Hospital Avenue Lenoir, NC 28645
<b>June 16-17</b>	Greensboro Location TBA	
<b>June 30-July 1</b>	Granville County Co-operative Extension	208 Wall St Oxford, NC 27565
<b>July 17-18</b>	Duplin County Co-operative Extension	165 Agriculture Drive Kenansville, NC 28349
<b>July 21-22</b>	Rowan County Co-operative Extension	2727 Old Concord Rd Salisbury, NC 28146
<b>Aug 11-12</b>	Pitt County Co-operative Extension	403 Government Circle Greenville, NC 27834

## Calling All Young Chefs: The 2014 Healthy Lunchtime Challenge is Here

First Lady Michelle Obama is again teaming up with the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Epicurious to host a nationwide recipe challenge to promote cooking and healthy eating



among America's youth. We're inviting parents or guardians and their children, ages 8-12, to submit an original lunch recipe that is healthy, affordable, and tasty, with the opportunity to be invited to attend a [Kids' "State Dinner"](#) here at the White House where a selection of the winning healthy recipes will be served.

For more information about the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge and to submit a recipe visit: <http://www.recipechallenge.epicurious.com/>

Don't forget to use USDA's [MyPlate](#) as a resource to make sure your recipe meets the healthy standards incorporated into the MyPlate icon. Entries should represent each of the food groups, either in one dish or as parts of a lunch meal, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and low-fat dairy foods, with fruits and veggies making up roughly half of the plate or recipe.

You've got until **April 5th** to submit your recipe, so head into the kitchen and get cooking! We can't wait to see all of the nutritious and delicious recipe creations you come up with!

### Mark Your Calendar

April 10 (Thursday) .....	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for March 2014)
April 15 (Tuesday).....	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for March 2014)
April 18 .....	Good Friday (State Office Closed)
April 21-25 .....	Every Kid Healthy Week
May 2 .....	School Lunch Hero Day
May 5-9.....	School Nutrition Employee Week
**May 10 (Sunday).....	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for April 2014)
May 15 (Thursday).....	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for April 2014)
May 26.....	Memorial Day (State Offices Closed)

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ourselves by our application of ideals.  
(W. James)*

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