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Treat feedback as if it is the lottery check in the mail. Take a look at a short video on how to achieve this skill at:
<http://youtu.be/xucZX7li2Rc> .

Find the Nine Foundational Principles and a host of other information and resources on the TRP Enterprises, Inc., website at:
<http://www.trpnet.com/foundational-principles/>

Reginald Ross, 2014 Fame Silver Spirit Award Winner

Reginald Ross was recently awarded the 2014 Fame Silver Spirit Award. Reggie, is a Child Nutrition Consultant with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the current president of the School Nutrition Association of North Carolina; however, he received the award for his outstanding work while at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. The Silver Spirit Award recognizes a Child Nutrition Professional who shows commitment to people, programs and Child Nutrition; Reggie certainly has done that! Read more about his accomplishments at: http://www.fameawards.net/bio_silverspirit.php

We are very excited for him and ask that you please join us in congratulating Reginald Ross for this awesome recognition, his hard work and his dedication to Child Nutrition!

Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in Schools

In consultation with the U.S. Department of Education and a number of other federal agencies, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has developed the *Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies*. This resource provides practical information and planning steps for parents, district administrators, school administrators and staff, and other program administrators and staff to develop or strengthen plans for food allergy management and prevention.

You may download this resource and find additional food allergy information on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/foodallergies/index.htm>

SNA-NC Industry Seminar

The 2014 School Nutrition Association Industry Seminar is scheduled for January 27-29, 2014 and will be held at The Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. If you are planning to attend you will find more details and registration information the SNA-NC website at: <http://www.sna-nc.org/PAGES/Industry-Seminar-2012.html> .

What's New on the Web?

Paid Lunch Equity Tool (PLE)

The Paid Lunch Equity guidance and calculation tool for the 2014-15 school year have been posted on the Financial Management page of the website. Should you have any questions about the PLE Tool or need assistance please contact Janet Williams-Johnson at janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov.

Remember: USDA recently released the required average paid that must be charged for a paid lunch in the School Year 2014-2015. As a reminder, the required price will be \$2.65.

The Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) tool (which is an Excel document) will need to be completed by all SFAs and submitted to the state agency by **February 28, 2014**. The state agency will provide an instructional

resource to assist in completing the tool very soon.

You may view or download the PLE Tool and guidance from the Financial Management page at:
<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/front-page/information-resources/financial-management>

January N.C. Farm-to-School Newsletter

The January issue of the Farm to School newsletter features the winners of the NC Farm to School Week Promotion held in November and sponsored by the N.C. Farm to School Cooperative.

The newsletter is available at:

<http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/newsletter/documents/2014JanuaryFarmtoSchoolNewsletter.pdf>

Also, February is Sweet Potato Month and the N.C. Sweet Potato Commission is once again sponsoring a contest for schools. So check out the contest rules, registration form and suggested activities and plan to Show Your Love for N.C. Sweet Potatoes in February!

<http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/promotions/index.htm>

For questions about the newsletter or N.C. Farm to School, please contact:

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Awards for Excellence 2013-14

We hope you are working diligently on the 2013-14 Awards for Excellence notebooks. To qualify for the award, we must receive your completed summary pages **no later than Friday, April 4, 2014**. Remember to print or type clearly the name of the School Food Authority (SFA) and School on each summary submitted.

Please send to Melody Watkins by one of these methods:

1. By email with attachments to Melody.Watkins@dpi.nc.gov (preferred method)
2. By fax to Melody's attention at (919) 807-3516
3. By mail to Melody Watkins, 6324 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6324.

Plaques or certificates will be distributed about April 30; however, if you need the awards prior to this time, you must send the documentation at least 4 weeks prior to the date needed for your local presentations and state the date of the award event.

State judging of the Awards for Excellence notebooks will be conducted at the School Nutrition Association of

North Carolina (SNA-NC) Annual Conference in June 2014 and the judging criteria form is attached for your reference. **Please submit the single best award entry from your SFA by Friday, May 23, 2014 to:**

Melody Watkins
301 North Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

You may send the notebook using any delivery service as long as the package can be tracked and delivered without requiring a signature. First, second and third place award winners will be recognized at one of the general sessions during the SNA-NC Conference. The notebooks will be placed on display at the Conference and can be picked up in the display room or at the registration table on Thursday, June 19 after 1:30 pm.

Thank you for your support of the Awards for Excellence program. We look forward to receiving many entries this year and recognizing the great work you are doing in your SFA!

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Melody Watkins at 919-807-3526 or Melody.Watkins@dpi.nc.gov.

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[afe judging criteria.doc](#)

Weekly Q&A – Food Safety Plan vs. Food Defense Plan

Question:

What is the difference between a Food Safety Plan and a Food Defense Plan?

Answer:

Food Safety guards against the unintentional contamination of food. All schools or facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program are required to develop and implement a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) Food Safety Plan and is promoted through education at all levels to address food safety concerns and improve sanitation.

Food Defense, sometimes referred to as “food bio-security,” relates to the protection of food from intentional contamination or bio-terrorism. Food defense addresses ways to limit the opportunity for someone to intentionally contaminate or adulterate food for the purpose of causing harm or death.

A Child Nutrition Food Defense plan is one way to prepare for the threat of bioterrorism to your foodservice operation. A Food Defense plan is a written document that:

- Spells out school policies and procedures that minimize the risk of intentional contamination or adulteration of food and reduce the risk of illness or death in your school community;
- Describes strategies for preventing threats and incidents of product tampering and food contamination or adulteration; and,
- Describes appropriate response actions to be taken should an incident occur.

Food Defense information and resources may be found on the North Carolina Child Nutrition website under Resources and Information, <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.org>.

Mark Your Calendar

January 27-29	SNA-NC Industry Seminar (Asheville, NC)
January 30	Region 6 Policy Update (Concord, NC)
February 3	Region 5 Policy Update for Charter Schools (Greensboro, NC)
February 5-7	NC Procurement Alliance Board Meeting (Greensboro, NC)
February 6	Region 2 Policy Update (Surf City, NC)
February 7	Region 3 Policy Update for Charter & RCCIs (Raleigh, McKimmon Center)
February 7	SNA-NC District 2 Meeting (Location TBA)
February 10 (Monday)	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for January 2014)
February 13	Region 3 Policy Update for LEAs (Raleigh, McKimmon Center)
February 13	Region 5 Policy Update for LEAs (Greensboro, NC)
February 13	Region 7 Policy Update (Hickory, NC)
**February 15 (Saturday)	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for January 2014)
February 19-20	NCDCA New Director/Supervisor Training (Butner, NC)
February 21	Region 8 Policy Update (Asheville, NC)
February 22	SNA-NC District I Meeting (Roper, NC)
February 28	Region 1 Policy Update (Edenton, NC)
February 28	Deadline for submitting Paid Lunch Equity Tool to the State Agency
Month of March	National Nutrition Month
March 3-7	National School Breakfast Week
March 2-5	SNA Legislative Action Conference (Washington, DC) Registration Information: http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/lac2014/registration.asp
March 3	December Financial Report Due
March 10 (Monday)	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for February 2014)
March 12	Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day
March 15	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for February 2014)

****When a deadline/due date falls on a weekend or holiday.**

1. When the 10th of the month falls on a weekend or holiday the deadline for submitting the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the deadline moves to the next business day.
2. **REMEMBER**...the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any claim for reimbursement that is submitted after the 10th with the "10 day" error message (Error Code 1401). The system does not differentiate a week day from a week end day. The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically

override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. *It is not necessary to contact the Child Nutrition office when you receive the error message in this situation.*

3. If a claim for reimbursement is submitted after the 10th for any other reason, you must contact the NCDPI Child Nutrition office.
4. This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15th of each month.

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Under the Federal Child Nutrition Program and USDA policy, discrimination is prohibited under the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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