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Have Questions? Need Assistance?

Please remember to always contact your regional consultants first for any questions or assistance unless directed otherwise.

What Are Your Technical Assistance Needs?

Recently we surveyed all SFAs regarding the impact of the Meal Pattern and Dietary Standards on School Nutrition programs. Respondents indicated that student acceptance of Whole Grain Rich products continues to be a factor in declining student participation. With this in mind please tell us if there is ANY Technical Assistance, Continuing Education or other support the State Agency may provide to address this matter that is of great concern to us all. Please send your responses directly to Lynn Harvey at lynn.harvey@dpi.nc.gov.

Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Community Eligibility Provision Enrollment Period Extended

Over 60 SFAs have signed on to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for the coming year. As you know, the CEP will allow eligible schools to offer breakfast and lunch to students at no charge to the student/ parent. It's not too late to enroll to participate in the CEP as the deadline to enroll has been extended through **August 31, 2014**. If you are reconsidering enrollment, we will be happy to have to assist you and your school officials (Superintendent, Finance Officer, Title 1 Director, E-Rate Director, Principals or other school personal) by conducting a webinar or conference call with those in the decision-making capacity to help address any concerns or issues pertinent to your LEA.

If you are reconsidering please contact Lynn Harvey or Janet Johnson.

For additional information visit the Community Eligibility Provision webpage on the School Nutrition website at: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/front-page/news-events/community-eligibility-provision>

Policy Memos

SP 54-2014 Administrative Reviews and Certification for Performance-Based Reimbursement in School Year (SY) 2014-2015

This memorandum provides guidance to State agencies on conducting administrative reviews in SY 2014-2015.

SP 55-2014 State Agency 3-year Administrative Review Cycle Requirement – Waivers for Exceptional Circumstances

This memorandum provides guidance to State agencies requesting a waiver of the 3-year administrative review requirement for the current review cycle due to exceptional circumstances, in accordance with Section 12(I) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1760(I).

SP 56-2014 Direct Certification Performance Awards - FY 2014 Guidance

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) provides for performance awards to States that best ensure that children who are members of households receiving benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are directly certified for free school meals. In September, 2014, FNS will make awards to up to 15 State agencies, based on school year (SY) 2013-2014 direct certification data, to recognize those States that have made significant progress in direct certification with SNAP. The awards will total \$4 million— \$2 million in Outstanding Performance Awards and \$2 million in Substantial Improvement Awards. This memorandum transmits Questions and Answers to describe the award process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 (see Attachment A).

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Completing the Daily Meal Production Record for Commercial Kitchens

The PowerPoint providing instruction on how to complete the Daily Meal Production Record for Commercial Kitchens has been updated for the 2014-2015 school year. The powerpoint (in .pdf format) is attached for your convenience and the full presentation will be made available via the School Nutrition website very soon. We will notify everyone when it is posted.

Should you have any questions please contact your Nutrition Services Specialist (Consultant).

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Civil Rights PowerPoints

The Civil Rights PowerPoints have been updated for the 2014-2015 school year. Remember there is a powerpoint for School Nutrition Administrators and one for School Nutrition Employees. Both PowerPoints (in .pdf format) are attached and the full presentations will be made available via the School Nutrition website very soon. We will notify everyone when they are posted.

Should you have any questions please contact your Regional Consultant.

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Continuing Education Opportunities

Please take advantage of these webinars, courses, and workshops:

► **Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Priced Meals Webinars**

Please join us as we provide training on determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals on August 6, 2014 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Any School Nutrition staff may attend, however the training is specifically designed for School Nutrition Administrators and staff that are involved in the processing of free and reduced-price meal applications. To join the webinar, please register at the links below.

REMEMBER: If your district is implementing the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) in **all** schools and the Free & Reduced-Price School Meal applications and/or other eligibility determinations will not be processed by the SFA, then you are not required to attend the webinar. You are of course welcome to attend the training for information purposes.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only the SFAs that will implement CEP in all of their schools are not required to attend the webinar. SFAs implementing CEP in some of the schools in the district, but not all, or not implementing CEP at all should plan to attend the webinar.

- **Wednesday, August 6, 2014**

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/860808929>

► **Smart Options - Teach the Leader**

The *Smart Options: Teach the Leader* workshop is scheduled for **August 4, 2014 (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.)** at the North Carolina State University McKimmon Conference & Training Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM. Please feel free to bring snacks as lunch will not be provided for this workshop.

The attached registration announcement sent via email from the McKimmon Center on July 24, 2014 contains registration information and details about the workshop.

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Mark Your Calendar

August 4.....	Smart Options Teach the Leader (McKimmon Center)
August 10 (Sunday)	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for July 2014)
August 30.....	Deadline for Healthier US School Challenge Application
September 4	Region 1 Policy Update
September 9	Region 7 Policy Update

September 10 (Wednesday)	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for August 2014)
September 10	Region 3 Policy Update for Charter Schools/RCCIs
September 11	Region 2 Policy Update
September 12	Region 5 Policy Update
September 12	Region 6 Policy Update
September 15 (Monday)	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for August 2014)
September 18	Region 3 Policy Update for LEAs
September 18	Region 4 Policy Update
September 19	Region 8 Policy Update

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