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Update on the Smart Snacks Interim Final Rule

As you may know, the Federal budget that was recently signed into law by President Obama included a directive to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the implementation of the Smart Snacks Interim final Rule. Specifically, the directive requires USDA to establish a waiver process that will provide SFAs the option to delay implementing the new standards contained in the competitive foods rule and the breakfast meal pattern IF these regulations are proving to be too costly. The letter to the Secretary of Agriculture is attached for your review.

While we do not know how USDA will respond to this directive, we do encourage each SFA to begin the process of making projections about the financial impact of the new a la carte and breakfast program nutrition standards on operating costs (food, labor, equipment, other) in your school nutrition programs. We will notify you as soon as USDA notifies us about the waiver process.

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2014 Subway School Health Champion

Please see the attached documents announcing the 2014 Subway School Health Champion of the Year Award. This is your chance to nominate a deserving individual who goes well beyond the usual work expectations in order to advance the health of students and/or staff.

The following North Carolina counties are eligible to submit nominations based on Subway Market participation:

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| Chatham | Harnett | Person |
| Cumberland | Hoke | Sampson |
| Durham | Johnston | Vance |
| Edgecombe | Lee | Wake |
| Franklin | Moore | Warren |
| Granville | Nash | Wayne |
| Halifax | Orange | Wilson |

Submit nominations on or by the 15th of each month for ongoing selection committee evaluation. All nominations will be reviewed and considered for the entire calendar year. Earn prestige, visibility, and funding for your school health program!

I look forward to receiving your nominations.

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[subway nomination.doc](#)

2014 Best Practices Awards

The US Department of Agriculture has announced the Twenty First Annual Best Practice Awards in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) and Food Distribution Program (FDP). The purpose of this program is to encourage and reward outstanding practices in schools and in School Food Authorities (SFAs) in the Southeast Region Please review the attached Best Practice Awards information for 2014. **All nominations are due on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.** Electronic documents or fax transmissions will not be accepted. Please review the attached document for entry details and criteria along with the nomination entry forms.

All entries should be sent or delivered to: **North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Child Nutrition Services Section
301 N. Wilmington Street
6324 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6324
Attention: Pat Brafford**

Should you have any questions please contact your Regional Consultants.

[2014 best practice award.doc](#)

School Kitchen Capacity and Inventory Survey

DON'T GET LEFT OUT:

MAKE YOUR KITCHEN COUNT!

Please remember to take part in the Kitchen Capacity Survey

In an effort to understand the capacity of school kitchens in North Carolina, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is working with the School of Government at UNC Chapel Hill and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems at NC State to survey Child Nutrition Directors and cafeteria managers about kitchens in their schools. **Child Nutrition Directors are encouraged to fill out the survey unless they need to pass the link to a cafeteria manager more familiar with an individual kitchen.** We need one survey for each individual school kitchen. If you are the person who can best describe the capacity or inventory of an individual school kitchen, please complete the survey found at the following link:

https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9AY5DI mVYq0gtF3

This survey link will be active from until **February 25, 2014**. We need your help learning about kitchen infrastructure, equipment, staffing, and training. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes. The results will be delivered as a report to DPI and will also be made available to you. Your participation is voluntary and you are not required to participate.

Thank you so much for helping with this important study. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly at the email addresses below. Thank you for your time and all you do for North Carolina children.

Best regards,

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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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Mark Your Calendar

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..... NCDA New Director/Supervisor Training (Butner, NC)

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| February 21..... | Region 8 Policy Update (Asheville, NC) |
| February 22..... | SNA-NC District I Meeting (Roper, NC) |
| February 27..... | Region 4 SNA-NC District Meeting (Bladenboro Middle School) |
| 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 11..... | Best Practice Award Nominations Deadline for Submission to NCDPI |
| March 12..... | Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day |
| March 15..... | Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for February 2014) |
| 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) |

****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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