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## TRP Foundational Principle #4

*Everything that happens to us is an Opportunity For Learning and Growth—an “O-FLAG.”*

Review all nine Foundational Principles on the TRP Enterprises, Inc., website at:  
<http://www.trpnet.com/foundational-principles/>

## RECALL NOTICE – Prego Traditional Italian Sauce

Campbell Soup Company is voluntarily recalling approximately 300 cases of 24-ounce jars of Prego Traditional Italian sauce because of a risk of spoilage. The affected product was manufactured on December 15, 2013 and can be identified by the Best By date of June 16, 2015 and a four-digit, military time code ranging from CT BJ ZV 0330 through CT BJ ZV 0449.

For detailed information pertaining to this recall visit:

[http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm380125.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm380125.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

*We are aware that the recall notifications we receive may or may not pertain to any public or charter schools in North Carolina. However, we strive to keep you as well informed as possible by posting any recalls that could potentially cause problems in your school meal programs. Please be sure to review the official recall notices at the web locations provided. Should a recall apply to items currently in your inventory, please follow the instructions provided in the recall notice.*

## What's New on the Web?

### USDA Policy Memos

A new page for the 2014 USDA Policy Memos has been added to the website. Policy memos SP 1-2014 thru SP 15-2014 may be downloaded. Visit the new page at: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/regulations-policies/usda-policy-memos/usda-policy-memos/2014>

## Paid Lunch Equity Tool for School Year 2014-2015

USDA has released the required average paid that must be charged for a paid lunch in the School Year 2014-2015. As a reminder from a previous CN Weekly, the required price will be \$2.65.

The Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) excel tool included will need to be completed by all SFAs and submitted to the state agency by February 28, 2014. A future webinar will be conducted by the state agency to assist in completing the tool.

[sp 15-2014.pdf](#)  
[ple calc tool\\_sy14-15.xls](#)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Melody.Watkins@dpi.nc.gov).

[afe ltr 2014.pdf](#)  
[afe judging criteria.doc](#)

## **Weekly Q&A – What is a Whole Grain-Rich Product?**

### **Question:**

What is a whole grain-rich product?

### **Answer:**

Whole-grain rich products must contain 50 percent or more whole grains of the total grain weight, and the remaining grains, if any, must be enriched.

Check the ingredient listing to determine if a whole grain ingredient (i.e. whole wheat flour) is listed as the first grain ingredient on the ingredient label declaration. If the whole grain content comes from multiple ingredients, obtain documentation showing that the combined weight of the whole grains comprise at least 50% of the grain weight even though a whole grain may not listed as the first ingredient.

Beginning July 1, 2014, (SY 2014-2015), all grains must meet the whole grain-rich criteria. However, the

products do not have to be 100% whole grain; instead, the grain content of the product must be at least half of the total grain weight.

Reference:

USDA Memorandum SP 30-2012 Grain Requirements for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/regulations-policies/usda-policy-memos/2012>

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/Policy-Memos/2012/SP30-2012os.pdf>

## Vacancy Announcements

Several SFAs have vacancies have posted vacancies. Please review the attached vacancy announcements for details about each position and for application instructions and for contact information.

- Lincoln County Schools – *Child Nutrition Nutritionist*
- Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools – *Food Service Manager 1*
- Harnett County Schools – *Child Nutrition Supervisor*

[lincoln cnn.pdf](#)  
[ws-forsyth fsm.pdf](#)  
[harnett cns.pdf](#)

## Mark Your Calendar

- January 20..... Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Holiday Observed (State offices closed)
- 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..... NCDAs 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)
Month of March.....	National Nutrition Month
March 3-7 .....	National School Breakfast Week
March 2-5 .....	SNA Legislative Action Conference (Washington, DC)
	<b>Registration Information:</b> <a href="http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/lac2014/registration.asp">http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/lac2014/registration.asp</a>
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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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