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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.

## Congratulations on Your Recognition!

On Thursday, July 24 during the NCDPI Financial and Business Services Conference, Philip Price, CFO of NCDPI, publicly acknowledged the LEA/SFA Administrators and staff for their hard work and commitment in successfully achieving the new mandates of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act. In his remarks, Mr. Price acknowledged the remarkable compliance record for NC's school nutrition programs and encouraged Superintendents, Finance Officers and other school business officials to recognize their local "School Nutrition Heroes" for their contributions to student health, well-being and academic success.

Thank you for a job well-done! We are very proud of you!

The School Nutrition Services Staff

## Issues with Technology – Who Do I Call?

As school districts are starting and/or preparing to the start the new school year we thought this would be a great time to provide SFAs with information to assist in determining who should be contacted to address questions and technical support needs for the various software/technologies used in the operation of school nutrition programs in North Carolina. Please review the following and proceed accordingly.

System/Technology	Contact
School Nutrition Technology System (Claims or Online Application)	Regional Consultant or NCDPI School Nutrition Services
Direct Certification/Verification	Regional Consultant or NCDPI School Nutrition Services
NCID	Local NCID Administrator  To locate your NCID Administrator visit:  <b>LEAs:</b> <a href="https://www.ncid.its.state.nc.us/LEAListing.asp">https://www.ncid.its.state.nc.us/LEAListing.asp</a>  <b>Charters:</b> <a href="https://www.ncid.its.state.nc.us/LEADetails.asp?name=Charter%20Schools%20000">https://www.ncid.its.state.nc.us/LEADetails.asp?name=Charter%20Schools%20000</a>  <b>All Others Call ITS Service Desk at:</b> 919-754-6000 or 1-800-722-3946
Student Eligibility POS Inventory Financial programs, etc.	Contact the software vendor's Help Desk.

## School Meals Rates of Reimbursement – School Year 2014-15

On July 16, 2014 the Federal Register published the 2014-15 School Meals reimbursement rates notice for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The 2014-15 School Meals reimbursements rates (for Certified SFAs) are attached and all notices are available on the USDA website at:

[http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/rates-reimbursement.](http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/rates-reimbursement)

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## What's New on the Web?

- **2014-15 Menu Templates**

(NOTE: The editable Publisher files are provided in a zip file. Zip file instructions are provided on the page.)

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/nutrition-education/school-meals/school-meals/menu-templates>

- **Determining Eligibility PowerPoint Slide Handouts**

(NOTE: This PowerPoint was developed for the Determining Eligibility webinars. Next webinar scheduled for August 6. See Continuing Ed Opportunities section for details.)

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/front-page/information-resources/eligibility>

- **Menu Planning PowerPoints for Breakfast**

- What's for Breakfast
- I Decline: Offer vs. Serve at Breakfast and Lunch

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/front-page/information-resources/menu-planning-production>

- **School Nutrition Services Staff Directory - Revised**

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/who-we-are/directories/staff-directory>

- **2014-15 Rates of Reimbursement**

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/financial-management>

## Summary of HACCP Updates for Commercial Kitchen

A summary of the HACCP Updates for Commercial Kitchen has been developed for your convenience. See attached. The updated resources are located on the School Nutrition website at:

[http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/haccp-food-safety/haccp-food-safety/commercial-kitchen.](http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/haccp-food-safety/haccp-food-safety/commercial-kitchen)

Should you have any questions please contact your Nutrition Services Specialist (Consultant) or Susan Thompson at [susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov).

[haccp summary.pdf](#)

## Q&A – Fruit Juice Limits and Canned/Fresh Fruit

### QUESTION

If we offer 3 different flavors of 4 oz. 100% fruit juice at breakfast daily, does that mean that we will have to offer 3 different choices of canned or fresh fruit daily to be compliant with the provision that limits juice to no more than half of the fruits offered over the week?

### ANSWER

Good Question! USDA Memo SP 10-2012 (v.7) Questions & Answers on the Final Rule, “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs” under Fruits and Vegetables Question #41 explains how the juice limit is assessed when multiple fruits are offered each day:

*For the purposes of assessing the juice limit, an “offering” of fruits or vegetables is defined as the amount a child is able to select at a given meal, regardless of the number of options/variety of fruits or vegetables. The total amount of juice available at all meals over the course of the week (separately for lunch and breakfast) is then divided by this total fruit offering to determine the weekly juice offering. No more than half of the total fruit offering may be in the form of juice.*

*For example, a school may offer ½ c peaches, ½ c applesauce, ½ c oranges, and ½ c grape juice every day and instructs the students to select a total of 1 cup of fruit (2 out of 4 choices). In this case, the daily fruit offering is 1 cup, and the weekly fruit offering is 5 cups. Since ½ cup of juice is offered every day, the weekly juice offering is 2.5 cups. Since 2.5 divided by 5 is 50%, this school is within the weekly juice limit.*

**Reference:** Q & A on the Final Rule, “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs”. SP 10-2012(v.7), Revised 1/25/2013. (Question #41).

**NOTE:** The revised Final Rule Q&A may be downloaded from the School Nutrition website at: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/news-events/school-meal-nutrition-standards>.

## Continuing Education Opportunities

Please take advantage of the following 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>

► ***NutriKids Webinar: What's New for NC users***

Refer to June 30, 2014 email from NutriKids to NC users for links to the following webinars.

**July 28 at 9am Eastern Time**

If you have any questions please call NUTRIKIDS Menu Planning Support at 800.724.9853 option 6, and then option 3.

► ***Smart Options - Teach the Leader***

The *Smart Options: Teach the Leader* workshop is scheduled for **August 4, 2014 (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.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.

**[smart options.pdf](#)**

► ***Fuel Up to Win the Race to the Top: A School Nutrition E-learning Course***

We are excited to provide an online learning opportunity for School Nutrition Administrators and staff. Visit <http://ncsnel.org/> and log on with your name and email address to access a variety of important

continuing education topics such as meal pattern, offer versus serve, merchandising, food preparation, production records and more! Remember to print the certificates as you complete each module to file for professional development or continuing education credits for the School Nutrition Association certification.

## **Farm to School Grant Survey**

There are many leaders throughout North Carolina with farm to school information and resources; however there is currently no specific place for North Carolina educators, parents, or child care agencies to share or procure that information. The North Carolina Farm to School Coalition is working to develop a county by county directory of farm to school leaders (both individuals and organizations) and farm to school activities currently conducted in the state of North Carolina, with the support from the USDA Farm to School Grant Program. We would like your help in identifying these invaluable community resources.

During the Spring of 2014, seven stakeholder meetings were hosted around the state. Nearly 100 individuals participated in conversation about the status of farm to school in NC, as well as possible directions going forward. All of this information will be used to guide the three deliverables listed above. If you were not able to attend, or know someone who was not able to attend, please consider forwarding a link to an online survey that will give folks a chance to provide input and perspective.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RD92B97>

Even if you have already participated in a meeting, but have something new to share, please use the link! Forward to any and all who could help move the state forward on the three items listed above.

This survey will remain open until **Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tracey Bates at [tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov).

Thank you for your help and participation!

## **Summer Palooza! 2015 NC Summer Nutrition Planning**

The NC Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is convening a series of three regional planning events around the state. You are invited to attend. There is no cost to attend; lunch is provided. Each planning is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional details please visit: <http://eepurl.com/YZzhn>.

**RSVP:** To register, please click on the event date/location you're interested in attending.

- **November 18, 2014 - Hickory, NC (Tuesday)**

## Hickory Metro Convention Center

<http://nokidhungry.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b1c80c84bc69a93d02637641b&id=67b93abb66&e=7da2fa0a81>

- **November 19, 2014 - Greensboro, NC (Wednesday)**

### Deep River Event Center

<http://nokidhungry.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b1c80c84bc69a93d02637641b&id=f5363fe556&e=7da2fa0a81>

- **November 20, 2014 - New Bern, NC (Thursday)**

### New Bern Convention Center

<http://nokidhungry.us7.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b1c80c84bc69a93d02637641b&id=e50c399ab0&e=7da2fa0a81>

## 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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