

North Carolina School Nutrition Weekly Update



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USDA Extends Deadline to Enroll in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) until August 31, 2014

USDA recognizes that many LEAs may need additional time to consider and apply for the CEP. As a result, USDA is extending the deadline for LEAs to elect to participate in CEP in SY 2014-2015 until August 31, 2014. More than 27% of NC's students live in food-insecure households; for these students, meals served at school are not just a convenience...they are a necessity. Many students enrolled in our public schools depend upon school meals for their primary source of sustenance every day. If you have schools that are eligible for CEP and have considered the possibility of participating in CEP but are still uncertain as to the best decision for your LEA, please contact us. Our staff will be happy to provide technical assistance, answer questions, confirm data or provide other support needed to ensure you and your school officials have all the information needed to make the very best decision for your schools and your students. We are working closely with our colleagues in Title 1 and E-rate so we can involve these areas of the department to support your decision if this level of involvement is needed.

THANK YOU for your efforts to make sure we provide optimum access to nutritious meals to our most vulnerable students through the CEP.

sp-50-2014.pdf – Extension of the Deadline for Local Educational Agencies to Submit Applications to Elect the Community Eligibility Provision (June 12, 2014)

June 2014 Claim for Reimbursement (for Traditional Public Schools , Charters, NonPublic schools only)

Please submit the claim for June 2014 in the Child Nutrition Technology System on or before **Wednesday, June 18, 2014** in order for the SFAs to be reimbursed for the reduced price breakfast meals served. The funds that are used to reimburse the SFAs are state funds that will revert June 30, 2014. All claims must be processed by June 20, 2014 so that the meals served can be reimbursed from the appropriate fiscal year.

The federal reimbursement for the June 2014 claim will be issued to the SFAs in July 2014, so please be aware that a partial payment will be deposited and the email notification will only reflect the reduced price breakfast funding.

If there are any SFAs that will be in Greensboro for the Administrative Review Training or the SNA-NC Annual Conference next week that will need to submit the claim, a computer will be made available for claim submission.

School Nutrition Technology System Email Notification Feature Update

The School Nutrition Technology System has a newly added Email Notification Feature Update. When the School Food Authority (SFA) makes a change or update to the online application and submits it for State

Agency (SA) approval, an email notification is sent to the assigned SA consultant. Once the SA consultant approves the online application an email notification is then sent back to the SFA noting the application has been approved.

Below is an example of the Email Communication Generated from the School Nutrition Technology System:

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Thank you for submitting your Application Packet for the School Nutrition Programs. Your application packet has been APPROVED.

SFA Name: Cinderunner Schools

Agreement Number: 222

Program Year: 2013/2014

Program: School Nutrition Programs (SNP)

Application Packet Status: Approved

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Please do not confuse this electronic email notification with the approval of the Free and Reduced Price School Meal Application approval process. The Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application approval will be a personal email from one of the three following persons:

Kathryn Chatman chatmankathryn@gmail.com

Jacquelyn McGowan Jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov

Sydnee Wheeler Sydneewheeler@gmail.com

The State Agency regrets any confusion preceding this communication. If you have any additional questions please contact your Regional Consultants.

Upcoming Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Required Webinars

For LEAs with a school/schools selected to participate in the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) for SY 2014-2015, two webinars have been scheduled to help prepare for the implementation and operation of the Program for the coming year:

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Part 1: FF&V Program Requirements

To register, visit: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/695019321>

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Part 2: FF&VP Financial Guidance

To register, visit: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/419844320>

Note: A Child Nutrition Administrator (Director or Supervisor) is required to register and participate in FF&VP Part 1 webinar and FF&VP Part 2 webinar *before* the respective FF&VP allocation for SY 2014-2015 will be released to the SFA. Others such as Child Nutrition managers, principals, school administrators, finance officers, teachers, school nurses are welcome to register and participate though not required.

Please contact Zoe McKay-Tucker, School Nutrition Consultant for Special Programs, if you have questions or concerns.

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USDA Farm-to-School Census Website Re-Launched with Final Results

Final results from the USDA Farm to School Census are now available online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/census/#/>. If you are a USDA employee, the Census website is currently best viewed using Mozilla Firefox.

These results include more than 1,500 new and updated responses bringing the response rate to 75%. The total dollars invested in local communities during the 2011-2012 school year increased to more than \$385 million and more than 23 million students are participating in farm to school programs as of the 2012-2013 school year.

The Census website includes lots of new graphics and features. For example, a new data explorer tool allows users to run customizable searches. Want to know which school districts in Washington and Oregon would like to buy more local beef? Now you can run a search for precisely the information you need. A new media kit page offers downloadable infographics for each state so you can include Census results in your presentations, brochures, or newsletters. For your convenience, attached are two updated infographics summarizing national results to share with your colleagues and partners.

We also hope you will help USDA promote the Census re-launch using Facebook and Twitter. Improved social media tools are located at the bottom of the national and state pages. We would encourage you to reach out to your USDA Farm to School Regional Lead as a great resource to help promote the Census and answer any questions. Also, USDA and Secretary Vilsack will be highlighting this milestone on Monday, June 9, during the White House Rural Council meeting focused on local and regional food systems. You can virtually tune in to this meeting on Monday at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live>.

The two updated infographics summarizing final results of the Census are available in the CN Community of the Partnerweb. Look for this guidance memorandum in the [What's New](#) section of the CN Community as well as in the [Resources](#) Tab at <https://www.partnerweb.usda.gov>.

Q&A – Milk Substitutes for General Population

QUESTION: Is it OK to offer all students a milk substitute, such as an approved soy milk, by placing it in milk boxes on the serving lines and making it available to all students?

ANSWER: Although the popularity of milk substitutes may be growing in some areas of the state due to preferences and the influence of advertising, these products are not an alternative to cow's milk for the general student population served in the NSLP and SBP. The cost of milk substitutes is usually a prohibitive factor to making it widely available.

The 210 and 220 federal regulations for school meals state that "All milk served in the Program must be pasteurized fluid milk which meets State and local standards for such milk." The definition of fluid milk is found in the Code of Federal Regulations: Fluid milk is an industry term for milk processed for beverage use. Milk, as defined by the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 21 CFR 131.110, is: "the lacteal secretion, practically free from colostrum, obtained from the complete milking of one or more healthy cows."

Milk substitutes must meet the regulatory standards outlined in 7 CFR 210.10(d)(3), which do not address fat or flavor/sugar restrictions. Therefore the fat content of milk substitutes may be higher than that in the allowable fat-free and low-fat (1%) cow's milk in the current meal patterns for breakfast and lunch.

Schools in the NSLP and SBP have the option to offer a nondairy milk substitute to a student with a medical or special dietary need other than a disability. The final rule *Fluid Milk Substitutions in the School Nutrition Programs* (73 FR 52903, September 12, 2008) addresses the substitution of fluid milk for children whose non-disabling allergies, culture, religion, or ethical beliefs preclude the consumption of cow's milk. The final rule sets nutritional standards for the nondairy milk substitutes that may be offered as part of the reimbursable meal. Requests for a milk substitution can be accepted from a medical authority or from a parent. Parents who request a milk substitute for their child should be provided the "Parental Request Form for Fluid Milk Substitution"; this form can be found on the School Nutrition website using the "Special Diets" link.

Recorded Webinars Available

In recent weeks School Nutrition Services has provided several webinars on various subjects. A presentation in each subject was recorded. Those recorded presentations are now available for you to view and/or download. Should you have questions about either webinar please contact the presenter(s).

New Direct Certification/Verification (DCV) System Training

Presenter: Jeff Merritt (jeffrey.merritt@dpi.nc.gov)

<http://www.screencast.com/t/buTB2y4dK>

Preparing the Free and Reduced Price Application and Verification Forms for Approval

Presenter: Karla Wheeler (karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov)
<http://www.screencast.com/t/Z5aJAXrwx>

School Nutrition Technology System Agreement Renewal

Presenters: Janet Johnson (janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov) & Karla Wheeler (karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov)
<http://www.screencast.com/t/7wwlbpGbli>

School Nutrition Technology System Agreement Renewal for Special Milk Program Sponsors

Presenter: Jacquelyn McGowan (Jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov)
<http://www.screencast.com/t/SIKqAJWepft>

New Opportunities for After School Snack Programs

Recently, the USDA has reconsidered its "interpretation" of opportunities for students to enjoy snacks in the afternoon through the After School Snack Program. SFAs are now able to offer after school snacks to many groups of students, including athletic programs that meet after school. Attached is a fact sheet and Policy Memo that explain this more thoroughly. If interested in offering snacks to students, please remember you must enroll in the program, at the school level, before the SFA is officially approved. The SFA must be "officially approved" to offer the ASSP in each specific location before reimbursement may be claimed. If you have questions, please contact your Regional Child Nutrition Consultant.

The following websites are available for additional information about the ASSP:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/afterschool-snacks-faqs>

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/AfterschoolFactSheet.pdf>

[athletics.pdf](#)

[sp-04-2011.pdf](#)

158 NC Schools Selected for Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program SY 2014-15

On Thursday, June 5, 2014, the North Carolina State Board of Education voted and approved 158 elementary schools to participate in the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) for SY 2014-2015. The NCDPI School Nutrition Services Section is currently preparing notification for all the schools that applied for the FF&VP, selected or not.

To view the NCDPI's FF&VP press release with access to the list of selected schools, please visit:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/newsroom/news/2013-14/20140605-01>

Kraft Foods Group Voluntarily Recalls Select Cottage Cheese Products Due to Out-of-Standard Storage Temperatures

Kraft Foods Group is voluntarily recalling select Knudsen Cottage Cheese, Breakstone's Cottage Cheese, Simply Kraft Cottage Cheese, and Daily Chef Cottage Cheese products. Some ingredients used in these products were not stored in accordance with Kraft's temperature standards.

For more information visit:

http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm397901.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Action for Healthy Kids – Breakfast Grants

Breakfast Grants are still available. For more information visit the Action for Healthy Kids website at:

<http://www2.actionforhealthykids.org/webmail/21152/92784490/9c05a83a7af304785737896ff4005313>

Vacancy Announcements

SFA Name: Harnett County Schools

Position Title: Child Nutrition Supervisor

See the attached vacancy for details and instructions for applying.

[harnett supvsr.pdf](#)

SFA Name: Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Schools

Position Title: Area Child Nutrition Supervisor

Closing: Open until filled.

See the attached vacancy for details and instructions for applying.

[cms supvsr.pdf](#)

Mark Your Calendar

June 10 (Tuesday) Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for May 2014)
June 15 (Sunday) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for May 2014)
June 18-19, 2014SNA-NC Annual Conference (Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC)
July 4 July 4 Holiday (State Offices Closed)
July 10 (Thursday)..... Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for June 2014)
July 13-16..... SNA Annual National Conference (Boston)
August 10 (Sunday)..... Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for July 2014)

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