

# North Carolina School Nutrition Weekly Update

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## ***\*REMINDER\* 2015 NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference***

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REGISTRATION has officially opened for the 2015 NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference that is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25, 2015** at UNC in Chapel Hill.

We encourage you to consider attending. The conference will be held at a larger venue this year and we want to cast as wide a net as possible to include people in the movement to end child hunger in our state. There is a small fee this year (\$20) that goes toward the cost of lunch and parking.

For more information and to register visit: <http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b1c80c84bc69a93d02637641b&id=81d77a5e7e&e=ec4236a317> or visit the No Kid Hungry website at: <http://NC.NoKidHungry.org>.

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## **\*REMINDER\* Verification Report Deadline**

Please remember that the deadline for completing the online Verification Report in the School Nutrition Technology System is **Tuesday, January 20, 2015**. ALL NSLP School Food Authorities must complete the report including RCCIs without Day Students, 100% CEP SFAs, Traditional and Charter Schools. Instructions (for all SFA types) for completing the Verification Report are available at:

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/verification/verification-instr.pdf> .

Should you have questions or need assistance, please contact your regional consultant, Karla Wheeler ([karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov)) or Jacquelyn McGowan ([jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov)).

## **Regional Policy Updates Spring 2015**

The Spring Policy Updates for School Nutrition Administrators are approaching. Please select the session of your choice below and register soon. The link can be accessed by one of the following methods:

- copy/paste link into the browser address bar
- holding CTRL and clicking on the link
- right click on the link and select open

<b>Region 1</b>	Date: <b>March 4, 2015</b> Location: <b>Hampton Inn (Edenton, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region1PolicyUpdateSpring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region1PolicyUpdateSpring2015</a>
<b>Region 2</b>	Date: <b>March 20, 2015</b> Location: <b>Convention Center (New Bern, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region2PolicyUpdateSpring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region2PolicyUpdateSpring2015</a>
<b>Region 3</b> Charter & RCCI	Date: <b>March 6, 2015</b> Location: <b>McKimmon Center (Raleigh, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region3PolicyUpdateCharterRCCISpring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region3PolicyUpdateCharterRCCISpring2015</a>
<b>Region 3</b> Traditional Public Schools	Date: <b>March 20, 2015</b> Location: <b>McKimmon Center (Raleigh, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region3PolicyUpdateLEASring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region3PolicyUpdateLEASring2015</a>
<b>Region 4</b>	Date: <b>March 31, 2015</b> Location: <b>Little River Golf and Resort (Carthage, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region4PolicyUpdateSpring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region4PolicyUpdateSpring2015</a>

<b>Region 5</b> Charter & RCCI	Date: <b>March 16, 2015</b> Location: <b>Deep River Event Center (Greensboro, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region5PolicyUpdateCharterRCCISpring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region5PolicyUpdateCharterRCCISpring2015</a>
<b>Region 5</b> Traditional Public Schools	Date: <b>March 20, 2015</b> Location: <b>Deep River Event Center (Greensboro, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region5PolicyUpdateLEASpring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region5PolicyUpdateLEASpring2015</a>
<b>Region 6</b>	Date: <b>February 24, 2015</b> Location: <b>Hilton Garden Inn (Concord, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region6PolicyUpdateSpring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region6PolicyUpdateSpring2015</a>
<b>Region 7</b>	Date: <b>March 19, 2015</b> Location: <b>Hickory Metro Convention Center (Hickory, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region7PolicyUpdateSpring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region7PolicyUpdateSpring2015</a>
<b>Region 8</b>	Date: <b>March 26, 2015</b> Location: <b>Four Points by Sheraton Asheville Downtown (Asheville, NC)</b> Registration link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region8PolicyUpdateSpring2015">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Region8PolicyUpdateSpring2015</a>

Tentative topics to be covered in the Policy Update include:

- Seamless Summer Option and Summer Foodservice Program Application Process and Continuing Education Opportunities
- Twice yearly nutrient analysis updated procedures
- Independent Review of Meal Benefit Applications
- Reauthorization
- Updated cycle for Administrative Reviews
- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) – Planning for coming year
- E-rate Guidance for Schools electing CEP
- CEP Best Practices Sharing
- Meal Benefits Applications
- Annual Agreement
- Paid Lunch Equity
- Fuel up to Win the Race to the Top

An evaluation link will be sent to attendees after the session and CEUs for the meeting will be provided when the evaluation is completed.

## Workshops - Procuring Local Produce

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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, School Nutrition Services Section in cooperation with North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will offer several workshops for School Nutrition Administrators to learn more about procuring local produce. The goals of the workshop include providing instruction to School Food Authorities (SFAs) regarding United States Department of Agriculture procurement guidelines and sharing best practices and resources regarding local food procurement. Anticipated outcomes include use of correct procedures by SFAs to procure local food, increased local food procurement by SFAs, and collection of Farm to School procurement success stories. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Identify procurement methods used for local produce.
2. Differentiate between informal and formal methods of procurement and when each should be utilized.
3. Demonstrate how to talk with farmers and how to identify sources of Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) certified produce.
4. Write specifications for produce.
5. Understand geographic preference and how it can be used.

Workshops are planned for the following dates and locations:

<b>Jan 20</b>	Four Points by Sheraton Asheville Downtown (Asheville, NC)
<b>Jan 22</b>	Courtyard by Marriott (Hickory, NC)
<b>Feb 9</b>	Hampton Inn (Edenton, NC)
<b>Feb 11</b>	New Bern Riverfront Convention Center (New Bern, NC)
<b>Feb 16</b>	NCSU McKimmon Center (Raleigh, NC)
<b>Feb 17</b>	Little River Golf & Resort (Carthage, NC)
<b>Feb 24</b>	Deep River Event Center (Greensboro, NC)
<b>Feb 25</b>	Hilton Garden Inn (Concord, NC)

### Registration

Please register for the workshop you plan to attend at:

<https://onece.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearch.do?method=searchPAOnly&programAreaId=54369&showInternal=true>

**Please share this workshop and registration information with those in your SFA who are responsible for procuring local produce.**

Your registration will be confirmed by email from Iyana Porter at North Carolina State University McKimmon Center. If you have questions after you have submitted your registration, please contact Iyana at

[importer@ncsu.edu](mailto:importer@ncsu.edu) . If you have general questions about the workshop, please contact Susan Thompson at [susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov) or 919-218-4090.

## ***Webinar - The Smarter Lunchrooms Scorecard App – LunchScore***

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**Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

**Time: 2:00 pm EST**

The Smarter Lunchroom Scorecard assessment is included as one of the new Golden Key Achievement award activities. School Nutrition Administrators are encouraged to share this webinar opportunity with managers and school employees who are working towards the Award.

The [Smarter Lunchrooms Movement](#) has created quick and easy way to evaluate your lunchroom and help set goals for improvement...now it's gotten easier with the app LunchScore! The app automates the scorecard process, allows you to take pictures to document progress, as well as track results over time. Join [Kathryn Hoy, MFN, RD, CDN](#) the Manager of the Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition Programs for an introduction to this great tool!

To attend follow this link:

<https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/healthyschools>

(FireFox and Internet Explorer work best)

Enter as a guest and you will be connected to the webinar. You can listen to the presentation though your computer speakers. If you have never used Adobe Connect before, it is recommended that you test your ability to log in prior to the webinar by following this link: [www.extension.iastate.edu/testconnect](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/testconnect)

## ***January Farm-to-School Newsletter***

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The January NC Farm to School newsletter includes information about:

- the series of “Procuring Local Foods” workshops that will be held across the state in January and February;
- produce available from the NC Farm to School Program this month; and
- a local sweet potato grower and the Sweet Potato Month contest that NCDA&CS is sponsoring along with the NC Sweet Potato Commission.

To view/download the January newsletter visit: [www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/newsletter/index.htm](http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/newsletter/index.htm)

## Sweet Potato Month

The Sweet Potato Month contest entry form, informational flyer and a list of suggested activities are located at: [www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/promotions/index.htm](http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/promotions/index.htm).

## NC Farm to School Calendar Contest

The deadline for entries in the NC Farm to School calendar contest is approaching! Please help us promote this contest by sharing information with your elementary schools. Details can be found at [www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/downloads/artcalrules.htm](http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/downloads/artcalrules.htm).

For questions about the newsletter or the NC Farm to School Program, please contact:

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## Important Dates

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January 15 (Thursday)..... Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for December 2014)

January 19 ..... Martin Luther King Birthday (State offices closed)

January 20 ..... Deadline for completing the Verification Report in the SN Technology System

February 2015 ..... National Sweet Potato Month

February 1 .....Deadline for On-Site Reviews (Traditional Public School SFAs)

February 10 (Tuesday) .....Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for January 2015)

February 15 (Sunday) .....Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for January 2015)

February 24 ..... Region 6 Spring Policy Update

February 25 .....2015 NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference

March 2 ..... FC1-A Semi-Annual Report Due

March 4 ..... Region 1 Spring Policy Update

March 6 ..... Region 3 Spring Policy Update for Charters & RCCIs

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March 16 .....Region 5 Spring Policy Update for Charters and RCCIs

March 19 .....	Region 7 Spring Policy Update
March 20 .....	Region 2 Spring Policy Update
March 20 .....	Region 3 Spring Policy Update for Traditional Public Schools
March 26 .....	Region 8 Spring Policy Update
March 31 .....	Region 4 Spring Policy Update

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