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***REMINDER* Streamlined CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals (ARAM) Program Application Process for SFAs in North Carolina**

You spoke and we listened! And after considerable collaboration with our colleagues in the Nutrition Services Branch of the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), we are thrilled to inform School Nutrition Administrators that the process for applying to participate in the **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program** has been simplified for School Food Authorities (SFAs) to operate the program in eligible schools/sites.

SFAs located in low-income areas and participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) are well-positioned to offer meals and snacks to students in need through their afterschool care programs. SFAs and schools that are eligible to participate in the ARAM/CACFP include those that meet the following criteria:

- Schools where at least 50 percent of children are eligible for free or reduced price meals, or schools located in the attendance area of an eligible school;

- SFAs offering educational or enrichment activities in an organized, structured and supervised environment, through an afterschool care program;
- SFAs certifying that during the last seven years, the SFA and the individual responsible for the School Nutrition Program has not been (1) declared ineligible to participate in any other publicly funded program by reason of violating that program's requirements or (2) convicted of any activity that indicated a lack of business integrity; and
- SFAs in good standing with all Federally-assisted Child Nutrition Programs which is demonstrated by no outstanding corrective action or outstanding debt owed to a program.

If you would like to receive a streamlined application/agreement in order to apply to participate in the At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program, please contact Karla Wheeler, Assistant Chief, at karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov.

We know you have many hungry students relying upon you to make the afterschool meal program available and accessible to them. Thank you, in advance, for supporting your students by nourishing their bodies, minds and spirits.

As always, if I or members of the NC DPI School Nutrition Services section may be of assistance to you in support of your school nutrition programs, please do not hesitate to contact us. It is our privilege to serve you in achieving our collective goal of making sure our students are healthy, well-nourished and ready to learn!

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Equipment Assistance Grants (EAG) Deadline Extended

****ATTENTION** Equipment Assistance Grant Application/Proposal Due Date Extended to Thursday January 5, 2017 5:00 PM**

The NCDPI School Nutrition Services Section has received a one-time appropriation of \$955,130 for sub-grants for equipment purchases in eligible schools and sites operating the National School Lunch Program. As of today, we have received School Nutrition NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Application/Proposals totaling the amount of \$392,167.24. We would like to

award all of the grant funds due to the genuine need for equipment in School Nutrition Programs across the state. As a result, the due date has been extended to Thursday January 5, 2017. All applications must be received before 5:00 pm.

*****IMPORTANT NOTE***** The applications should be mailed by a traceable means to the following address:

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

School Nutrition Services Section

301 N. Wilmington Street

Raleigh, NC 27601

ATTENTION: EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION/PROPOSAL

Please be reminded that we discourage the use of the US Postal Service (for this application process) since there is no assurance that the application packet will arrive in a timely manner.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Applications/Proposals that arrive after 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 5, 2017 will not be considered.

If you have already submitted your application/proposal and have confirmed it has arrived, please disregard this notice. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Tyson at tara.tyson@dpi.nc.gov, or Jacquelyn McGowan at jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more EAG information, application instructions and the grant application.

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Roundtable Discussions Scheduled

It's *always* a great time to talk about the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP)! Hopefully, you can join us for one (or all) of NC's upcoming FF&VP round table discussion webinars. These webinars are open to **anyone** affiliated with NC's traditional public schools and charter schools approved to participate in the National School Lunch Program who want to learn more and share information regarding the FF&VP.

WHAT? - FF&VP Round Table Discussion Webinars

NCDPI School Nutrition Services has scheduled three webinars for School Food Authorities to ask questions, seek guidance, share best practices ("bragging rights"), and discuss what's working or not. These webinars are open to current and past participating FF&VP schools, or schools thinking about applying for the FF&VP.

Any topic regarding the FF&VP is welcome and will be addressed in the webinar by Zoe McKay-Tucker, School Nutrition Consultant for Special Programs, and/or "seasoned" FF&VP participants also on the call.

WHEN?

Three sessions have scheduled as follows:

- **Thursday, December 15, 2016 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)**
- **Tuesday, December 20, 2016 (11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon)**
- **Thursday, January 12, 2017 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)**

REGISTRATION

Register for the session(s) of your choice at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6517160939368158722> ****IMPORTANT NOTE**** *Be sure to click on the drop down arrow to select the date of the session you would like to attend.*

****PLEASE NOTE: PARTICIPATION IN EITHER/ANY OF THESE FF&VP ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT BUT SIMPLY AN OPPORTUNITY.**

Sample questions that may be asked and/or topics discussed during the webinars may include (but are not limited to):

- How can we get students to eat more vegetable snacks?
- It is difficult to wisely utilize all the FF&VP "Start-up" Allocation...help!
- School Nutrition Staff want to operate the FF&VP every day, but the Principal says "No!" How should this be handled?
- What's the best way to increase the variety of produce menued for FF&VP snacks?
- Does nutrition education have to be conducted in a specific manner?
- Can FF&VP labor be reimbursed, and if so, how much? For whom? How often?

This is not a formal presentation of information...no powerpoint! This will be an open discussion with questions & answers for all webinar participants.

Join us for the FF&VP round table discussions with bountiful conversation so those participating can reap a great harvest of ideas!

NC K-12 Culinary Institute Recipes

Great News!! We are pleased to announce that all of the K-12 Culinary Institute recipes are now available on the School Nutrition website. Each recipe and the corresponding Quick Reference

card, a photo and the Nutrition Analysis Data file are housed in a zip folder. Some of the recipes also have “how-to” video to assist in preparation of the dish.

If you have any questions about the recipes or need assistance, please contact Susan Thompson at susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to navigate to the Recipes page.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for instructions on how to unzip a file using Windows and Mac. (Be sure to scroll down to the zip file section)

Menu Templates Now Available

The Menu Templates for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year are now available. [CLICK HERE](#) to navigate to the Menu Templates which are located in the Nutrition Education Resources section on the NCDPI, School Nutrition Services website.

Please note the following:

- The additional Menu Templates run from February through July 2017.
- There is an updated Menu Template for January 2017 highlighting the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Resolution recently passed by the N.C. State Board of Education.
- The Menu Templates were designed in two formats - Elementary and Middle/High. The content for the Elementary School Menus is aimed at families and the content for the Middle/High School Menus is aimed at Middle/High School students.
- By request, the Menu Template layout has been revised to fit within one page with fewer graphics.
- MS Publisher was used in the design to allow for customization by local School Nutrition programs.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tracey Bates, School Nutrition Services Section, NCDPI, tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov, with any questions regarding the nutrition education resources for schools

2017 USDA "Show Us Your Tray" Photo Contest!

USDA is having the 2nd annual “Show Us Your Tray” photo contest! This is an opportunity to share the wonderful meals you prepare for your students using USDA Foods! Your submissions will provide other food service professionals with healthy, fun meal ideas using USDA Foods as

well. **Photos must contain direct delivered (brown box) USDA Foods. Photos may contain processed items or DoD Fresh items, but photos containing only processed items or DoD Fresh products will not be judged. To review which items are direct delivered, please visit our Foods Available List for School Year (SY) 16-17.**

Contest Details:

1. Submit a photo of your prepared meal, using USDA Foods.
2. Include your name, school district, and state with your submission. Identify which foods are USDA Foods with your submission.

Photos:

1. Please ensure that photos are taken in good lighting in the highest resolution possible.
2. Ensure that the USDA Foods highlighted in the photo(s) are clearly visible.
3. Please do not send photos featuring people. These photos **will not** be judged.

By submitting photos to this contest, you consent that they may be used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and/or others with the consent of USDA, for the purposes of illustration or publication in any legally authorized manner. You understand that these pictures and information will be used in educational materials, such as USDA brochures, newsletters, videos, or news releases, to help others understand how USDA programs help people. The pictures and information will not be used for any commercial, money-making purpose.

Judging Criteria:

USDA staff will determine a winner based on photo quality and creative use of USDA Foods, with an emphasis on direct delivered (brown box) USDA Foods.

Contest Timeline:

The USDA Foods school photo contest begins December 1, 2016, and ends February 15, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Please send all entries to the USDA Foods mailbox (USDAFoods@fns.usda.gov).

The winning submission(s) will be featured in the March 2017 "USDA "USDA Foods from Farm to Plate: Spotlight on Schools" e-letter!

North Carolina Summer Nutrition Program for KIDS! Logo, Tagline, and Artwork CONTEST!

Currently, summer nutrition programs mostly serve children in elementary school or younger. We want more middle and high school students to take advantage of this awesome program!

Will you help spread the word by making sure your middle and high school teachers and principals are aware of the contest? We need middle and high school students to help design a logo, tagline and related artwork to get the word out across the state about the NC Summer Meals Program! Make sure your schools are represented.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details, including deadlines, about the Logo, Tagline and Artwork Contest Rules. Contact cynthia.ervin@dpi.nc.gov with questions.

Vacancy Announcements

- [School Nutrition Supervisor \(Hickory City Schools\)](#)
 - [Child Nutrition Director \(Macon County Schools\)](#)
 - [Registered Dietitian/Supervisor \(Pitt County Schools\)](#)
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Continuing Education Opportunities

NC Safe Plates Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Program

January 11-12, 2017	Haywood County Cooperative Extension
January 11-13, 2017	Burke County Cooperative Extension
February 7-9, 2017	Lee County Schools (Lee County High School)
June 14-16, 2017	Haywood County Schools (Hazelwood Conference Center)
June 19-21, 2017	Koury Convention Center (Greensboro)
August 7-9, 2017	Swain County Schools (Location TBA)

K-12 Culinary Institute for Administrators

January 16-17, 2017	Henderson County
January 19-20, 2017	Cabarrus County
January 23-24, 2017	Franklin County
April 5-6, 2017	Johnston County

Mark Your Calendar

December 2016

- Dec 15** Deadline to submit FFVP claim for reimbursement (for Nov 2016)
- Dec 15** Deadline to submit completed annual Nutrition Analysis for October Menus to Nutrition Specialist
- Dec 16** Deadline to complete Verification Collection Report in the School Nutrition Technology System
- Dec 23, 26, 27** Christmas Holiday observed (State offices Closed)

January 2017

- Jan 1** New Year's Day (State offices closed)
- Jan 5** Deadline to Submit Equipment Assistance Grant Application
- Jan 10** Deadline to Submit Claims for Reimbursement for NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSP (for Dec 2016)
- Jan 15** Deadline to submit FFVP claim for reimbursement (for Dec 2016)
- Jan 16** Martin Luther King Day (State offices closed)



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- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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