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Welcome! Julie Pittman

Many of you recall meeting Julie Pittman during the 2018 Annual Conference for School Nutrition Directors. Julie was our keynote speaker; at the time, she was serving as the 2018 Western North Carolina Teacher of the Year and was a member of the State-wide Teacher of the Year Team. While serving in this capacity, Julie made School Nutrition priorities part of her education platform. In a short time, Julie made remarkable progress in helping educators understand the critical role of meals at school; she did so by sharing her own personal story as a child reared by a single parent who struggled to make ends meet. Julie and her sister benefited from nutritious meals at school and from the care and concern of School Nutrition personnel who served those meals with love and affection. When Julie, a successful teacher herself, shared her story with other teachers, she got their attention and helped teachers around the State embrace the importance of School Nutrition.
Programs as an important component of the school day and as a valuable instructional intervention that helps achieve their best in school and in life.

We are proud to announce that Julie will be working full-time this school year alongside the School Nutrition staff at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the No Kid Hungry North Carolina team as the No Kid Hungry Educator Outreach Manager. In this role, Julie will be dedicated to engaging teachers, principals, and superintendents in school breakfast expansion, specifically around innovative school breakfast initiatives that support Breakfast after the Bell and include Second Chance Breakfast, Grab-and-Go Breakfast and/or Breakfast in the Classroom. Julie will be reaching out to support you and your school nutrition teams to faciliate strong relationships with stakeholders across their districts.

Please join me in welcoming Julie to the School Nutrition family in North Carolina. Julie may be reached by e-mail at: JPittman@strength.org

Lynn Harvey

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**Program Operations Information**

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**Important Dates**

*NOTE: Anytime a deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday the actual deadline is extended to the next business day.*

- **Sep 20**......... Farm to School Summit
- **Oct 1**.......... Verification Process Begins
- **Oct 1**......... Annual FC1-A due (for July-June operating months)
- **Oct 10**........ Deadline to submit NSLP/SBP/ASSP Claim for Reimbursement (for Sep)
- **Oct 14-18**.... National School Lunch Week
- **Oct 15**........ Deadline to submit FFVP Claim for Reimbursement (for Sep)
- **Nov 10**........ Deadline to submit NSLP/SBP/ASSP Claim for Reimbursement (for Oct)
- **Nov 11**........ Veteran’s Day observed (State offices closed)
- **Nov 15**........ 1st Quarter FC1-A Report Due (Traditional Public Schools)
- **Nov 15**........ Deadline to complete Verification of F&R Applications
- **Nov 15**........ Deadline to submit FFVP Claim for Reimbursement (for Oct)
- **Nov 18**........ Online Verification Report Opens & Online survey

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**Food Safety Inspection Reports**

The Food Safety Inspection Report is an annual requirement that must be completed by all School Food Authorities except Special Milk Program sponsors. If you did not complete the report during the 2019-20 Annual Agreement renewal process, please complete the report by **Monday, September 30, 2019**.

Individuals with Application User access will follow these steps:

- Log in to the SN Technology System for the 2018-19 SY
- Select Application Tab
- Select Food Safety Inspections
- Select Modify for SY 2017-2018
- Provide the number of Inspections completed at each site (providing detailed explanation for any site with fewer than 2)
- Select Save

If you have any questions, contact your Zone Consultant or Jacquelyn McGowan, Compliance Specialist.

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**Migrant Education Regional Recruiters**

The NCDPI School Nutrition Services Division would like to share the map of the Regional Migrant Education Recruiters for this school year. If you have questions on Migrant student’s Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications and your local contact is unable to assist, please reach out to the Regional Migrant Education Recruiter. As always, if you cannot find out the information needed, please contact the Raleigh Office and we will try to assist by contacting the State Migrant Liaison.

[2019 Migrant Education Program Regional Recruiters map](#)
Nutrition Education & Promotion

2020 NC Jr. Chef Competition

The North Carolina Jr. Chef Competition (NCJCC) seeks student created and tested recipes for school meals. The NCJCC hopes to inspire the next generation of culinary professionals, stimulate interest in locally produced agriculture, and encourage healthy eating habits. The NCJCC will recognize students for their ability to work as members of a team to demonstrate valuable skills in recipe development, food preparation, marketing, public presentation, organization, and local food systems.

Teams of 2-4 high school students (grades 10-12) currently enrolled in North Carolina Career and Technical Education Food, Nutrition, and Culinary Arts courses can participate in the NCJCC. The NCJCC consists of two parts: 1) a recipe contest and 2) cook-off. Student teams must develop a recipe that meets the guidelines to submit for the NCJCC recipe contest. During the NCJCC cook-off, finalist teams must prepare, cook and plate their recipe and present (2) plates of their prepared recipe to judges.

Important Dates:
November 15, 2019
Teams interested in participating in the NCJCC must submit an Intent to Compete.

December 6, 2019
Teams must submit a Photo of their Recipe along with a completed Application, Recipe, Photo of the Dish, and Parental Permission and release forms for each team member.

December 18, 2019
Teams will be notified if they have been selected as a finalist.

February 6-7, 2020
Eight finalist teams will participate in a cook-off at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte. The winning team will be announced during the NC FCCLA Culinary Arts Awards Ceremony immediately following.

Sign Up Now for the 2019 NC Crunch

Celebrate Fruits & Veggies Month by signing up now for the 2019 NC Crunch so that you can receive the planning guide and be ready to crunch. The NC Crunch, from the Farm to School Coalition of NC and the NC Farm to Preschool Network, offers kids and adults in schools and early care and education sites across the state the opportunity to taste and learn about NC produce. This year’s NC Crunch is scheduled for October 23 but you can plan to participate any time during the month of October that works for you in celebration of Farm to School Month. Even though this event will take place in October, it is never too early to plan ahead for produce orders and educational activities and to reach out to local partners who can help. Over 313,000 kids and adults crunched NC produce for the 2018 NC Crunch. Help us beat the 2019 goal of 500,000 participants to make it a crunch heard ‘round the state!

Respond to the 2019 USDA Farm to School Census though 11/4

USDA has launched the 2019 Farm to School Census. School Food Authorities (SFAs) have the opportunity to share about their farm to school activities with the census through November 4. The Farm to School Census examines SFAs' activities in regard to local food purchasing, school gardens, and agricultural education and demonstrates the innovative efforts of SFAs to provide healthy food and nutrition education to children, while supporting American agriculture and strengthening local communities. By responding to the census, you can help inform USDA decisions regarding the Farm to School Grant Program, training and technical assistance strategies, and resource development.

- Review the Facts about the 2019 USDA Farm to School Census sheet.
- Look out for email communications from Abt Associates with more info about and a unique link to respond to the 2019 Census. USDA has contracted with Abt Associates to conduct the census.
- Utilize the 2019 Census Preparation Worksheet to collect data about your SFA's farm to school activities in preparing a response to the census.
- Contact Abt Associates for questions or assistance regarding the 2019 Census at farmschool@abtassoc.com or 855-452-5794 (from 9 am to 9 pm ET).
- Visit https://farmtoschoolcensus.fns.usda.gov to explore 2015 Farm to School Census data at the SFA, State agency, or national level.

Summer Nutrition

2019 SummerPalooza! Summits

You are invited to join Summer Nutrition Program sponsors and supporters from across North Carolina for the 2019 SummerPalooza! Summits. The SummerPalooza! Summits are day-long celebrations and planning events developed to increase participation in and expand awareness of North Carolina’s Summer Nutrition Programs for children. This year's theme "The Next Level" represents a focus on incorporating technology and innovative strategies to create more sustainable and successful summer programs.

This year, the SummerPalooza! Summit speakers will include a diverse group of NC Summer Nutrition sponsors, sites, and community partners sharing their experiences and best practices in session like

  - Award-Winning Sponsor Spotlights
• Social Media Strategies
• Serving Year-Round Meals for Kids
• Strategies to “Tech It to the Next Level”

The NCDPI Summer Nutrition and No Kid Hungry Staff are also excited to share with you

• 2019 Participation Results
• Activities for Summer Sites
• Next Steps for Sponsorship in 2020
• 2019 Summer Nutrition Champions

and Two Big Announcements about New Opportunities Coming in Summer 2020!

These free events will be held this fall across the state as follows:

October 22, 2019 Greenville Eastern Area Health Education Center
October 22, 2019 Greensboro GTCC Conference Center
October 22, 2019 Asheville The Crest Center

Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

Please contact McCamy Holloway at mccamy.holloway@dpi.nc.gov or 919-807-3568 for more information.

### Continuing Education

#### 2019-20 Golden Key Achievement Award Guidance

#### School Nutrition Leadership Academy

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction School Nutrition Administrator Leadership Academy’s goal is to grow self-confident and high achieving School Nutrition Administrators in a nurturing teaching environment which encourages collaboration and continuous professional development. The Leadership Academy is designed to provide on-going continuing education in areas critical to the administration and operation of high-quality School Nutrition Programs. The courses and workshops include subject areas such as:

- Food Production and Operations Management
- Food Safety
- Leadership Development
- Marketing
- New Administrator Orientation
- Nutrition
- Procurement
- Program Accountability
- Resource/Financial Management
- Summer Nutrition

Courses are planned for a variety of topics each year and will be offered on a rotating schedule with many subject areas being explored in greater depth in subsequent workshops. We are excited about sharing our School Nutrition Leadership Academy learning opportunities! Explore our 2019-20 course offerings at the links below.

https://learn.mckimmoncenter.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseAdvancedSearch.do?
method=doPaginatedSearch&showInternal=false&cspIndex=true&isPageDisplayed=true&courseSearch.programAreaStringArray=54369&courseSearch.filterString=availforreg

and

https://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/continuing-education/sn-leadership-acad

Contact Susan Thompson, MS RDN LDN SNS at susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov or 919-218-4090 for more information.

#### PROCUREMENT: 2019-2020 Courses Open for Registration

**COURSE:** Procurement University for School Nutrition Programs: Understanding and Applying Sound Procurement Practices

This popular course will be repeated on January 29-31, 2020. Procuring goods and services for the School Nutrition program is a detailed, complex and precise process. Possessing a strong understanding of the procurement regulations and procedures is key to an accountable and successful procurement system, while offering the confidence of getting the highest quality products and services at the best prices. This course will provide instruction and afford the participant a learning experience for understanding Federal and state procurement process and regulations guiding the School Food Authority’s (SFA’s) procurement activities. This course provides 18 contact hours of professional development credit for learning code 2400 Purchasing/Procurement.

Space is limited and pre-registration using the link below will close when the class has reached maximum capacity.

https://learn.mckimmoncenter.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=7284776
Lead Like It Matters Course is Returning this Year!

School Nutrition will offer two sessions of Lead Like It Matters: A Leadership Development Course for School Nutrition Administrators. This 3-day course was developed for and with the NC Department of Public Instruction School Nutrition Division with a goal of providing School Nutrition Administrators the experiences and skills education to create a strong School Nutrition leadership community. This investment in our schools and our leaders is important and value added. It is designed to provide School Nutrition Administrators a heightened self-awareness about leadership styles, emotional intelligence, and work relationships. It will guide participants through a process to clarify group dynamics, valuable communication skills, and using effective tools for successful decision making, efficient meetings, and highly functional teams. The program, intended to be the beginning of building a strong foundation on which to build future leadership development, is rich, engaging, and fun!

The course will be facilitated by George and Roxi Bahar Hewertson and will provide 21 hours of continuing education credit for professional development in the Learning Code 4140 Communication Skills. Roxi is the President and CEO of Highland Consulting Group, Inc. and has a passion for teaching, coaching, and creating dynamic learning opportunities making a positive and lasting difference in the workplace. She received her master’s degree from Cornell’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Her book, “Lead Like It Matters: Because it Does,” was published by McGraw-Hill in October 2014. Roxi works directly with individuals and teams as an independent leadership consultant and executive coach. She served many years as Director of Administration for Administration, Facilities and Finance at Cornell University and has worked with public school systems in New York and North Carolina. She has over 30 years’ experience in leading people and has been helping leaders and their teams create healthy work place cultures.

George is the Vice President of Highland Consulting Group, Inc. and has a unique talent for working with teams. He was Chief Engineer in the Royal Air Force, leading teams into and out of very difficult situations on the ground and in the air. George built and operated Highland Lodge Retreat Center in upstate New York (NY), hosting and facilitating group and team building events. George is a facilitator extraordinaire with over 30 years’ experience in the fields of human resources, team building, and strategic planning.

Workshop space is limited, and registration is currently restricted to one administrator per School Food Authority (SFA). Please use the link below to learn more about the course and register. If the class does not fill to capacity, registered participants will be notified of the opportunity to register additional colleagues from their SFA.

https://learn.mckimmoncenter.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=7278099

| October 15-17, 2019            | Guilford Technical Community College Conference Center  
                            | Colfax, NC  
                            | Register by October 7  
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| March 31 – April 2, 2020      | Riverfront Convention Center  
                            | New Bern, NC  
                            | Register by March 23  

Fall 2019 Zone Policy Updates

Please review the Fall 2019 Zone Policy Updates schedule and register at the link below for the session of your choice: https://forms.gle/1usSJoY5KG2Aw4o9

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Current School Nutrition Leadership Academy Opportunities

The NC School Nutrition Leadership Academy offers a variety of professional development activities for School Nutrition Administrators. Be sure to keep the School Nutrition Administrator contact information updated in the School Nutrition Technology System as this is the information used to send email notifications. When logging in and registering for a course offered through NCSU McKimmon Center, please check your student profile for accurate email address, especially if you have moved to a new School Food Authority (SFA). This student profile email is used to confirm your enrollment and provide important course details.
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**Vacancy Announcements**

Agency/SFA: Davidson County Schools  
Position: School Nutrition Director  

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1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
   Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
   1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
   Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

2. fax: (202) 690-7442;

3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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