



# School Nutrition Update – September 12, 2017

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## Note from the School Nutrition Services Section

As school bells ring again for the 2017-18 school year, those of us in education are off to another new beginning. New beginnings allow us to keep things that work well, to discard old ways of doing things that are no longer effective, and to try new ideas that may work even better! Hopefully you have learned something from your own recent program assessments that has generated new ideas and positive changes for the students you serve and the staff you lead. Perhaps you will be implementing menu changes to incorporate some of the fantastic K-12 Culinary Institute Recipes, or maybe you will be starting the At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program to provide a safety net for food-insecure populations, or perhaps implementing an innovative Breakfast Program in middle schools to try and reach this particular grade group of students with a healthy meal to start their academic day.



The work of our State Agency staff continues to evolve to meet the ever-changing needs of the local School Nutrition Programs in this state, amidst constantly changing federal and state regulations. Our goals focus on providing targeted program guidance and reliable, timely, focused technical assistance to support School Nutrition Administrators, like you, in achieving your goals of operating a highly successful School Nutrition Program. We want every School Food Authority to be able to offer healthy, appealing, affordable meals and snacks to students across this state that fuel their bodies, minds, and spirits daily!

It is our great honor and privilege to serve you, to partner with you, and to provide leadership for strong and effective, local School Nutrition programs across the state. Please let us know, through contacting your zone consultants, how we may be of assistance throughout the school year. Best wishes for an exciting new beginning and a very successful school year ahead for your students, your staff, and your schools!



## Save the Date! 2017 Annual Conference for School Nutrition Administrators

Date: October 25-27

The Annual Conference for School Nutrition Administrators is scheduled for **October 25-27, 2017**. We will provide more conference information soon.

- **Location:** Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center, 4700 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC 27703
- **Cost per room:** \$127.00 plus 13.5% tax (single or double occupancy).
- Deadline to make reservations at the conference rate: **September 25, 2017**.
- To make reservations call hotel at 919-941-5050 or central reservations at 800-325-3535.

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**\*REMINDER\* Your Ideas and Opinions are Needed! School Nutrition Program Simplification – Please Respond**



As you may be aware, the new Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) want your opinions on how best to simplify school nutrition program regulations. The [Federal Register notice](#) posted June 17, 2017 asks for ideas from the public on how the USDA can remove barriers to participation in programs, such as school meal programs, without interference to our customers or our mission. **They are specifically asking for your ideas on regulations, guidance documents, or policy documents that are in need of streamlining, modification, or repeal.**

➔ [CLICK HERE](#) to log on to the School Nutrition Association website and submit your comments on Program Simplification.

Please make the time to submit your ideas via this website and SNA will do the paperwork on your behalf. Your suggestions will be part of a consolidated document making recommendations to USDA on regulatory reform. North Carolina has always had a strong voice in the school nutrition matters that are of interest and concern to us all. Your VOICE matters, so please speak out so we may all work together to make the school nutrition programs efficient, effective, accountable and manageable.

Thank you for your time and support!

***Lynn Harvey***

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**Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC)**

NC Healthy Schools is facilitating a pilot of the **Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC)** model in 11 LEAs: Anson, Bladen, Chatham, Halifax, Hoke, Iredell-Statesville, Scotland, Surry, Thomasville City, Wilkes and Winston-Salem/Forsyth. NC Healthy Schools is working with these LEAs to use data, problem solving and action planning to create and support healthier school environments. The pilot LEAs will receive technical assistance in the form of action planning guidance, help with completion of the assessment tool, problem solving and site visits. In addition, professional development will be provided through the annual School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) meeting, quarterly meetings with the pilot LEAs and monthly webinars on WSCC related topics. All North Carolina LEAs have access to the NC Healthy Schools listserv, website, wiki sites

(WSCC and Healthful Living), SHAC newsletter, SHAC annual meeting, WSCC assessment tool, monthly webinars and other resources created by NC Healthy Schools to support healthier school environments.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the WSCC model and NC Healthy Schools.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and resources related to the WSCC model NC pilot.

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## Grant Opportunity – Whole Kids Foundation’s School Garden Grant

Created in partnership with FoodCorps, the Garden Grant program provides a \$2,000 monetary grant to support a new or existing edible garden at either a K-12 school, 501(c)(3) Non-profit working in partnership with a K-12 school, or 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The application period is open September 1, 2017 thru October 31, 2017.



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to apply.

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## Health Impact Project Funding

The Health Impact Project offers up to \$100,000 funding to communities and organizations seeking to promote the consideration of health in policy and decision-making. Eligibility varies based on the specific call for proposals (CFP).

**Deadline:** September 15

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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## Vacancy Announcements

SFA/Agency	Position Information
Chatham County Schools	<b>Training Specialist</b> <a href="https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/domain/586?category=School+Nutrition">https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/domain/586?category=School+Nutrition</a> Contact: Robin Brooks
Davidson County Schools	<b>Field Supervisor/Registered Dietitian</b> <a href="https://nc.teachermatch.org/applyteacherjob.do?jobId=419729">https://nc.teachermatch.org/applyteacherjob.do?jobId=419729</a> Contact: Kristen Bealler

# Continuing Education & Professional Development



## Webinar – VERIFICATION: Guidance for Conducting the Annual Verification Process

Dates: **September 18 and September 21**

Two webinars have been scheduled (*see dates & times below*) to prepare SFAs for conducting the Verification process. **VERIFICATION: Guidance for Conducting the Annual Verification Process** is for School Food Authorities that process Free and Reduced Price School Meals applications to determine student eligibility.

Each presentation will cover the Verification and Direct Verification process including, but not limited to:

- selecting the sample pool
- sample size, deadlines
- verification for cause
- application selection procedures
- standard and alternate sample sizes
- non-response rates, confirmation reviews
- contacting households selected for verification
- acceptable income and categorically eligibility documentation
- completing the verification process including appeals rights
- households that reapply and recordkeeping

### REGISTRATION

Please register for the webinar of your choice by clicking on the applicable date/time below:

[Monday, September 18](#) (2:00-3:30 p.m.)

[Thursday, September 21](#) (10:00-11:30 a.m.)



## Webinar – Health: Child Obesity (North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs)

Date: **September 13, 2017 1:00 PM EST**

Beginning in September, the North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs will host monthly webinars for afterschool program providers and other interested stakeholders. Webinar topics will be selected from the Public School Forum's annual publication, *The Roadmap of Need*. This publication uses data on health, youth behavior and safety, education and economic development to assess the relative well-being of young people living in each of North

Carolina's 100 counties. The Roadmap highlights areas of North Carolina where young people are at risk of not succeeding. The September 13th webinar is "Health: Child Obesity", <http://www.nccap.net/synergy/webinars/september-health-child-obesity/>.

The latest report of the Roadmap of Need can be found at: [http://www.nccap.net/media/pages/2017\\_Roadmap\\_of\\_Need.pdf](http://www.nccap.net/media/pages/2017_Roadmap_of_Need.pdf).

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## **Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM)**

The North Carolina Food Code requires FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS to have a PERSON IN CHARGE (PIC) who is a CFPM on site at all time the establishment is in operation. The FOOD ESTABLISHMENT may be assessed two points on their inspection for failure to meet the Food Code requirements. To verify the PIC has an approved CFPM certification as specified in Paragraphs 2-102.12(A) and Section 2-102.20 of the NC Food Code Manual, the PIC must have successfully passed an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited CFPM examination.

Several organizations offer ANSI accredited exams which will provide the certification required by the Food Code. Some of the organizations include [National Restaurant Association](#) (often referred to as ServSafe®), [360training.com, Inc.](#), [Prometric Inc.](#), and [National Registry of Food Safety Professionals](#).

The PIC requirement is established by the North Carolina Department of Health. North Carolina Department of Public Instruction School Nutrition Services Section also requires School Nutrition Administrators to obtain CFPM certification as part of the Professional Standards for hiring and continuing education for School Nutrition Programs.

*NC Safe Plates* is a CFPM course developed by North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension. This course offers the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals exam as part of the instruction. School Nutrition Services is glad to partner with Cooperative Extension to bring this learning experience to you. We offer classes through our Leadership Academy with McKimmon Center on demand throughout the year if we have about 15 participants. We can advertise the course offerings to surrounding School Food Authorities to help fill the class.

Please contact Susan Thompson ([susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov)) if you are interested in hosting a class to provide continuing education and the CFPM exam to your staff. We look forward to providing this important professional development opportunity for you.

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## **Meeting Student Unique Mealtime Participation Needs with a Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS)**

Meeting a student's unique mealtime needs (UMN; e.g., meal modifications and/or services required due to allergies, diabetes, other health problems, swallowing issues, and/or social-emotional-behavioral issues) is a complex process often requiring specialized inter-professional evaluation, intervention, and progress monitoring. School Nutrition Services, in collaboration with Exceptional Children, is offering a full-day course for

**Traditional Public Schools** and **Charter Schools** to aid in establishing and sustaining individualized mealtime programming while adhering to multiple requirements under USDA, IDEA, Section 504, state law, and local policies. The session will investigate best practices, relevant statute and policies, and existing state and local resources for supporting students with unique mealtime participation needs and provide teams with planning time.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view/download the flyer containing complete details and registration information.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Courses are scheduled from 9:00am—4:00pm on the following dates:

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| <b>September 15, 2017</b> | <b>NCSU McKimmon Center (Raleigh, NC)</b>                          |
| <b>September 19, 2017</b> | <b>Cabarrus Arena &amp; Event Center (Concord, NC)</b>             |
| <b>September 20, 2017</b> | <b>The Country Club of Whispering Pines (Whispering Pines, NC)</b> |
| <b>September 27, 2017</b> | <b>K. E. White Center, ECSU (Elizabeth City, NC)</b>               |
| <b>September 28, 2017</b> | <b>New Bern Convention Center (New Bern, NC)</b>                   |

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact [Susan Thompson](#) (email) or by cell at 919.218-4090.

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## Mark Your Calendar

### September 2017

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| Sep 14    | Policy Update – Zone 2 – Village Inn (Clemmons)   |
| Sep 15    | Meeting Student Unique Mealtime Participation Needs with a Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) – NCSU McKimmon Center (Raleigh)                          |
| Sep 15    | Policy Update – Zone 1 – NC Arboretum (Asheville)   |
| Sep 18    | Verification Webinar  |
| Sep 19    | Policy Update – Zone 6 – NC TeleCenter (Williamston)  |
| Sep 19    | Meeting Student Unique Mealtime Participation Needs with a Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) – Cabarrus Arena & Event Center (Concord)                 |
| Sep 20    | Meeting Student Unique Mealtime Participation Needs with a Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) – The Country Club of Whispering Pines (Whispering Pines) |
| Sep 20-22 | NC Safe Plates  |
| Sep 21    | Verification Webinar  |

- Sep 26 Introduction to Bookkeeping and Accounting for School Nutrition Programs (Greensboro)
- Sep 27 Meeting Student Unique Mealtime Participation Needs with a Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) – K.E. White Center, ECSU (Elizabeth City)
- Sep 28 Meeting Student Unique Mealtime Participation Needs with a Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) – New Bern Convention Center (New Bern)

### **October 2017**

- Oct 10 Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement for NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSP (for Sep 2017)
- Oct 15 Deadline to submit FFVP claim for reimbursement (for Sep 2017)
- Oct 24 Boot Camp for School Nutrition Administrators in Charter Schools
- Oct 25-27 Annual Conference for School Nutrition Administrators

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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; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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