

School Nutrition Weekly Update



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School Nutrition Services Staff Changes

A New Hire

Zone 4 has a new Operations and Management Consultant. Join us in extending a warm welcome to Frank who, as many of you know, comes to us from Cabarrus County Schools where he served as the School Nutrition Administrator. Frank can be reached at frank.fiorella@dpi.nc.gov and his phone number is (415) 902-4481. Please review the new [School Nutrition Zone Map & Consultant Directory](#) to see the counties and SFAs located in Zone 4.

A Retirement

We would also like to bid a Happy Retirement to SarAnn Suttles, the first Assistant Chief of the Operations and Program Management Unit. SarAnn will be missed and we wish her the best.

A Promotion

Karla Wheeler is the new Assistant Chief of the Operations and Program Management. Karla's contact information has not changed; her email is karla.wheeler@dpi.nc.gov and her phone number is 919-807-3518. During Karla's transition into this new role please continue to direct your compliance-related questions to the Zone O/M Consultant and Nutrition Specialist for your district. Jacquelyn McGowan will continue to serve in the role of Compliance Specialist and will be available for "unique" compliance-related questions. Jacquelyn's may be reached at Jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov and her phone number is 919-807-3595.

Free Educational and Promotional Resources Available to Team Nutrition Schools

Are you looking for free resources? Are you a Team Nutrition school?

USDA occasionally offers free educational and promotional resources, while supplies last, to Team Nutrition schools to help promote breakfast and lunch participation. In order to be eligible for these resources, schools must sign up to become a Team Nutrition school, if they have not already done so. In addition, Team Nutrition schools must keep their contact information updated to receive announcements regarding available resources.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access and download the document containing information on becoming a Team Nutrition school, the form to request the free resources and specific details on the various available resources.

A free resource that schools may request..."**Launch Your Day with Breakfast**" stickers.

USDA has colorful "Launch Your Day with Breakfast" stickers available only to Team Nutrition schools. Up to three rolls (600 stickers) of the stickers may be requested for use in school breakfast promotional events. The stickers are made available only while supplies last. Quantities are limited. Team Nutrition schools interested in these stickers may submit a request to teamnutrition@fns.usda.gov.

Should you have questions please contact Tracey Bates at tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov.

New N.C. Safe Plates Workshops Scheduled

Mark your calendars for the new N.C. Safe Plate Workshops that have been scheduled. Please review the dates and locations below and plan accordingly. Registration information will be provided as it becomes available. If you have any questions please contact Susan Thompson at susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov.

April 25-27, 2016	May 10-12, 2016	June 13-15, 2016
NC State University Schaub Hall, Room G40 400 Dan Allen Drive Raleigh, NC 27695	Brunswick County Health Services Building A 25 Court House Drive NE Bolivia, NC 28422	Koury Convention Center 3121 High Point Rd Greensboro, NC 27407

Using the Summer Food Service Program or Seamless Summer Option in Emergency Situations including Inclement Weather

Did you know that you can operate the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for inclement weather emergencies such as snow? Absolutely!

NCDPI-School Nutrition Services encourages SFAs to plan for emergency situations in advance to ensure a rapid response in cases of unexpected school closures as a result of inclement weather which includes, but is not limited to, snow and flooding. To prepare for such situations NCDPI will pre-approve sponsors to operate emergency meal sites during unanticipated school closures during the application process and as often as needed to meet the SFA's needs. In order to accomplish this for the SFSP, SFAs should:

1. Access each applicable Site Application in the School Nutrition Technology System and select **"Yes"** on **Question 35**.
2. Submit for approval.

If you are interested in operating an SSO site during emergency situations, please send via email the name of the site(s) to Cynthia Ervin at cynthia.ervin@dpi.nc.gov. In the subject line of the email please enter: **SSO Disaster Response Request**.

Per [7 CFR 225.6\(c\)](#)...SFAs may determine that operating SFSP or SSO sites would be useful when schools must remain closed due to disaster situations or emergencies. SFAs may operate the SFSP to open emergency meal sites serving an area affected by an unanticipated school closure during the period from October through April (or at any time of the year in an area with a continuous school calendar). SFSP regulations also allow for expedited approval of meal sites during an emergency.

For more information please review USDA Policy Memo [SP 46-2014 \(SFSP 18-2014\)](#) - *Disaster Response*.

2016 Summer Food Service and Seamless Summer Option Application Process in Full Swing

As many of you know the SFSP or SSO application process began during January. So far we have over 39 statement of intents and three applications submitted. Kudos to those of you who have submitted your applications. For those of you that have not, go to the [Summer Nutrition Opportunities](#) page on the School Nutrition website for information and the steps to completing the application and requirements. We look forward to working with you to complete 2016 SFSP or SSO application. If you have questions or need assistance please contact Cynthia Ervin at cynthia.ervin@dpi.nc.gov or 919.807.3505.

Important School Nutrition Dates

Remember: Any time a due date/deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday, the deadline automatically extends to the next business day.

February 2016

- Feb 22Deadline to submit **independent Review of Applications** form to State Agency
- Feb 25Accommodating Students with Special Dietary Needs Workshop (Hickory, NC)

March 2016

- March 2016.....***National Nutrition Month***
- Mar 1.....Due date Financial Form (FC-1A) for July 1 thru December 30 (*Semi-Annual Report*)
- March 1-2..... SFSP Workshop (New Bern Convention Center)
- March 7-11..... ***National School Breakfast Week***
- March 8-10.....NC Safe Plates Workshop (Mills River, NC)
- Mar 10 (Thurs)Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement for *NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSO* (for Feb 2016)
- Mar 10 Best Practice Awards Nominations Due in State Agency office
- Mar 15 (Tues).....Deadline to submit *FFVP* claim for reimbursement (for Feb 2016)
- March 16..... SFSP Workshop (Deep River)
- March 23..... SFSP Workshop (Hickory Metro Convention Center)

April 2016

- Apr 10 Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement for *NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSO* (for Mar 2016)
- Apr 15Deadline to submit *FFVP* claim for reimbursement (for Mar 2016)
- Apr 21 SFSP Workshop (New Bern Convention Center)

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