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Announcing... 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!

Claims for Reimbursements for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 (October 2015 – September 2016)

School Nutrition Services has been advised by NCDPI Financial and Business Service that it is time to begin the close out process for all federal funds for the Federal Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2016. As a result, it is imperative that all SFAs take a moment to review the claims that have been submitted for the time period of October 2015 through September 2016 to ensure that these have been processed for payment, or showing a status of “accepted”.

If claims need to be revised, please note that these must be entered into the system prior to Monday, November 28, 2016 in order for these to be processed and included in the close out reports. Any claims/revisions submitted after this date will result in a delay in payment until May 2017.

If there are any questions related to this request, please contact your Zone Consultant.

Verification Collection Report Resources

Instructions and a Tutorial (PowerPoint) have been prepared to assist SFAs in completing the Verification Collection Report for the 2016-17 school year. Both resources are available on the Verification page at: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/verification/verification>

The deadline to submit the Verification Collection Report is Friday, December 2016. Should you have questions or need assistance please contact your Operations Consultant or Jacquelyn McGowan at jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov.

Annual Nutrient Analysis

****REMINDER** Equipment Assistance Grants Applications Deadline**

REMINDER: Equipment Assistance Grants Applications are due to the NCDPI by **5:00 PM, Wednesday December 7, 2016.**

The NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is pleased to notify all School Food Authorities (SFA) of a grant opportunity specifically intended to help SFAs purchase commercial equipment for use in storing, preparing and/or serving nutritious meals to students that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The one-time appropriation of **\$955,130** has been made available to the NCDPI for sub-grants for equipment purchases in eligible schools and sites in traditional, charter and non-public schools and residential child care institutions operating the NSLP.

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

Should you have questions, please contact Tara Tyson at tara.tyson@dpi.nc.gov, or Jacquelyn McGowan at jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov

Vacancy Announcements

| School District/Agency | Position <i>(CLICK the position title to access the Vacancy Announcement)</i> |
|-------------------------|--|
| Craven County Schools | School Nutrition Supervisor |
| Davidson County Schools | Field Supervisor/Registered Dietitian |

Continuing Education Opportunities

| NC Safe Plates Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Program | |
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| December 8-9 | Macon County Environmental Resource Center |
| January 11-12, 2017 | Haywood County Cooperative Extension |
| January 11-13, 2017 | Burke County Cooperative Extension |

| K-12 Culinary Institute for Administrators | |
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| January 16-17, 2017 | Henderson County |
| January 19-20, 2017 | Cabarrus County |
| January 23-24, 2017 | Franklin County |

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| April 5-6, 2017 | Johnston County |
| April 18-19, 2017 | Cabarrus County |

Mark Your Calendar

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

December 2016

- Dec 7 Deadline to submit Equipment Assistance Grant Application to State Agency
- Dec 10 Deadline to Submit Claims for Reimbursement for NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSP (for Nov 2016)
- Dec 15 Deadline to submit FFVP claim for reimbursement (for Nov 2016)
- Dec 15 Deadline to submit completed annual Nutrition Analysis to 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)

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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