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A Note From Sandra

A reflection of accomplishments in the last few years showed anticipation of the electronic system for applications and claims and then it's final implementation. That was a huge goal for several years and we are grateful it finally happened. The implementation of the direct certification match system is also a gratifying goal. We hope these can continue to provide efficiency in program administration.

Applications for Child & Adult Care Food Program are ready to open in iCAN and will be in the approval process through the month of October or until they are complete – whichever comes first. Please be patient as this is a busy and time-consuming process. We did experience a delay in opening these due to upgrades in the system.

October month brings the celebration for National School Lunch Week – enjoy! The theme is *School Lunch: Recipes for Success*. According to the School Nutrition Association website, it was designed to help you tell your school lunch story, including the 'secret ingredients' to your success. You can download tools and ideas from the School Nutrition Association at <https://schoolnutrition.org/Meetings/Events/NSLW/2017/>.

Final regulations for the CACFP meal pattern went into effect October 1. There are some changes that are different than what School Lunch has. For example, flavored milk is not allowed for CACFP but it is for School Lunch and Breakfast. Frosted cinnamon rolls are not allowed in CACFP, but are for School Lunch and Breakfast as long as they meet the standards. If schools and child care share a menu, it will be necessary to review the School meals to determine what modifications are necessary to fit the CACFP meal patterns. In most instances, it will be a minor modification. Memo SP 37-2017 does provide guidance on "[Flexibility for Co-Mingled Preschool Meals: Questions and Answers](#)" which you can get to by clicking on the title.

As Mark notes in an article, there will be an opportunity to move dollars from USDA Entitlement to FFAVORS (now referred to as USDA Fresh). That is especially helpful for schools that have to pay transportation and storage for their USDA Foods or that have difficulty paying those bills due to internal regulations and policies.

Check in With CANS Monthly Conference Call

SY 17-18 Dates

The check in with CANS conference calls are returning this year! Check in with CANS is a monthly conference call scheduled for the first Thursday each month. This call is open to all agencies on the School Nutrition Programs. Each call will start with a report from CANS with hot topics, new guidance or program clarifications, and reminders of upcoming dates. There will also be time scheduled during each call for participants to ask questions.

Check in with CANS is scheduled on the first Thursday of each month starting at **2:30 pm CT / 1:30 pm MT**. Calls are scheduled for:

- November 2
- December 7
- January 4
- February 1
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7 (*tentative*)

To join the conference call, **dial 1-866-410-8397 and enter code: 6507733610**. If you have trouble joining the conference call, or have additional questions call the CANS office at 605-773-3413. Feel free to send in questions ahead of the call to

DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us please reference "Conference call question" in the subject line.

Shortly before the call an agenda will be posted to the CANS website main page, <http://doe.sd.gov/cans/index.aspx>, under Documents, Conference Calls. Shortly after the call is complete, the call minutes will replace the agenda with additional information. Please join us!

Upcoming Trainings!

[October 12: Procurement, A Practical Approach](#) (7 hrs) in Pierre

This 7 hour workshop will give you a great, common sense approach for procurement in your district. The training will include information on how to decide which procurement method to use, how to write a bid specification for different products and how to send out a request for quote. All while following your local, state and federal regulations.

[October 16-20: Orientation to School Nutrition](#) (30.5 hrs.) in Pierre

This 4 ½ day seminar is targeted to new and aspiring school nutrition program directors with five years or less experience. This course will provide an overview of school nutrition programs, define the role and responsibilities of a director, and review the relationship between local policies and state/federal regulations.

[October 23 & 24: Financial Management: A Course for School Nutrition Directors](#) (12 hrs.) in Pierre

We recommend that Business Managers and Food Service leads attend this course together. The training includes pricing guides, recording financial data consistently, determining compliance with regulatory requirements (PLE, non-program foods), and assessing your school nutrition program for better financial outcomes.

[November 15: Procurement, A Practical Approach](#) (7 hrs) in Pierre

This 7 hour workshop will give you a great, common sense approach for procurement in your district. The training will include information on how to decide which procurement method to use, how to write a bid specification for different products and how to send out a request for quote. All while following your local, state and federal regulations

Registration for all classes is free. Preference will be given to SFAs. Attendance to any of these courses counts towards Professional Standards training requirements.

Registration details are posted on the CANS NSLP website under the Professional Standards section.

Verification

CANS is preparing to host webinars specific to how to conduct and report results of verification activities. We will work through the Verification process and the Verification Collection Report, also known as the 742 form in two separate webinars.

The Verification **Process** webinar is scheduled for October 11 at 9:30am CST. The Verification **Reporting** webinar is scheduled for October 11 at 2:30pm CST.

Click the link below to join both webinars. Call-in number is 866-410-8397. Conference ID is 7587919653. [Join Skype Meeting](#)

The PowerPoint slides are posted on the website at: <http://doe.sd.gov/cans/nslp.aspx> under the Training & Webinars heading. If you have trouble getting into Skype, you can follow along with the PowerPoint.

Remember-you can begin verification activities once the application approval process for the current school year begins and there are approved applications on file. Please refer to the SY17-18 Eligibility Manual for more information or contact the CANS office. The sooner the process starts, the easier it is to meet the November 15 reporting deadline!

Please contact the CANS office at DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us, or call at 605-773-3413 with any questions.

Local School Wellness Policy Training

In collaboration with [Action for Healthy Kids](#) (AFHK), the School Health program in the South Dakota Departments of Education and Health will offer School Wellness Policy Training on **October 26, 2017, from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Red Rossa in Pierre, SD.**

The training is designed to provide continued support to schools/school districts as they work to comply with the [new wellness policy rules](#) and to help schools/school districts strengthen and effectively implement their wellness policies.

Find [registration](#) information and in-depth details about the training in the [School Wellness Policy on-line binder](#) which includes a [shareable flyer](#).

iMATCH

iMATCH – Exclude Boxes

- System updates have been received; users should receive email notifications when new matches occur.
- The system has received a performance update.
- Recently added preset 'exclude' boxes to help with loading.
 - It would be suggested to unselect the 'exclude' checkboxes unless your district regularly uploads a file into an electronic Point of Service system.
 - For more information [Click Here](#) to see updated Matching List Instructions from the CANS-NSLP webpage.

iMATCH – FDPIR

- CANS has been working with the Oglala Sioux Tribe to obtain student participation in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).
- The first FDPIR file has been uploaded into iMATCH. FDPIR-matched students currently have a 'blank' benefit type identified; we are working with PrimeroEdge on the display.
- CANS anticipates to receive FDPIR files quarterly.

Equipment Grants

A prime opportunity for schools to obtain or replace equipment is provided by the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Agriculture Appropriations Act. If you are in need of funding to purchase equipment to serve healthier meals that meet the updated meal patterns, with emphasis on more fruits and vegetables in school meals, improve food safety, and expand access. Priority must be given to schools with 50% or more eligible free/reduced price meals. In addition, SAs must give priority to schools that did not receive a previous NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant award under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the FY 2010 and Agriculture Appropriations Acts FY 2013, FY 2014, FY 2015 and FY 2016.

[Click here](#) for Application. Application deadline is October 27, 2017.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

If you have not yet completed the below items, please complete as soon as possible.

- FFVP Sponsor Application in iCAN: [Click Here for instructions](#)
- FFVP Attestation/Addendum: Authorized Rep (as listed on SNP App) or Superintendent sign and return form by email.
- FFVP Quiz: Please make sure at least one representative from the school district completes the FFVP Quiz [FFVP Link for Quiz](#)

Have You Checked Out “The Dirt”?

“The Dirt” is USDA’s Community Food Systems E-letter that is full of great information about local foods, Farmers Markets and Farm to School. It is delivered every other Tuesday and has great resources, success stories and Census facts.

Follow this link to [subscribe](#) and receive future editions.

Food Safety Tips for School Gardens—From “The Dirt”?

Fall is a great time of year to teach students about where their food comes from and schools across the country are using their school gardens to do just that.

Developing a garden at your school is an endeavor that can be done safely following basic food safety precautions throughout the planting, growing and harvesting process.

Any garden can run the risk of becoming contaminated somewhere in the process from planting to harvest. Following Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) can help decrease that risk. For more information on these practices, subscribe to, “[The Dirt](#)” and get some great [Food Safety Tips for School Gardens](#).

Local School Wellness Policy Outreach Toolkit

Have you looked at the great updates to the USDA Wellness Policy communications toolkit? This tool kit contains many helpful resources to assist school districts in talking with parents and school staff about wellness policies and increasing their involvement in the school wellness process. Parents play an important role in helping school districts create and carry out strong wellness policies that work. When parents are engaged in school activities, their children are more likely to get better grades, choose healthier behaviors, and have better social skills. So their participation can really have a positive impact.



Developed by the USDA's Team Nutrition initiative, these dynamic resources include a letter to principals, parent flyer. Several customizable templates can be adapted to meet your district's specific needs. There are various PowerPoint slide show templates, an outreach flyer, Tweet language, JPG images, newsletter template, and more! Check out these wonderful resources at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/local-school-wellness-policy-outreach-toolkit>

The Institute of Child Nutrition New eLearning Portal

Have you seen the new [eLearning Portal](#) from the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN)? You start by creating a user log in account and then you can sign up for online courses. These courses are available around the clock. As an added bonus, you can even log out in the middle of a course and the system will keep track of your location so you start the training exactly where you left off last time!

The online course list is growing each week. Some of the popular and recommended available courses are:

- Food Safety in Schools
- Nutrition 101 Webinar Series (8 mini webinars)
- Managing Food Allergies
- Procurement
- USDA Foods/Commodities

When you complete these courses, you will receive a training certificate that you can print out and give to your supervisor to help track Professional Standards training hours in your school.

As always, the ICN website has a full catalog of their other training courses that are not yet online. You can find them at any time at <http://www.theicn.org/Default.aspx>.

ICN TeamUp Thursday Training Webinars

Each Thursday the ICN hosts a Team Up Thursday Training Webinar. These webinars are free and generally last around one hour. These webinars are developed by a mix of school district staff, state staff, and federal staff from around the country. Many of the webinars are also archived and can be found on the ICN website: <http://teamup.theicn.org/tutwa/>

Some of the recent webinar topics were:

- Team Up for Food Safety!
- Team Up for Special Diets
- Team Up for Farm to School Success
- Team Up for Creative Ways to Boost Flavor with Less Sodium
- Team Up for Best Practices in Financial Management
- Team Up with Local School Wellness Policies!

If you do not receive a training certificate for the webinar, don't forget to print off the webinar title sheet and print your name, the date of your training, and the number of minutes or hours spent on this training (round to nearest 15 minutes).

You can also sign up to receive the ICN training announcements, webinar announcements, and newsletter at: <http://news.theicn.org/subscribe/>.



Building the Future with CACFP

iCAN Applications for 2017-2018

The 2017-2018 iCAN renewal applications for the Child and Adult Care Food Program must be completed by October 31, 2017 to guarantee an on-time payment for the month of October 2017. Please make every effort to get them submitted as quickly as possible, if you have not already done so.

Mealtime Memo for Child Care

Updated Meal Pattern

The updated CACFP meal pattern takes effect October 1, 2017. CACFP sponsors, centers, and homes have approximately one month left to start implementing the changes. Although most have probably made some changes, keep in mind the effective date for all changes is one month away. If you have not started, now is the time to do so. This memo will feature the new requirements along with some best practices.

Food Distribution

American Commodities Distribution Association (ACDA) Educast Series:

The Recipient Agency Perspective on Forecasting – Tuesday, October 17, 2017
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET

Join us for this educational webinar to learn how your cycle menu and accurately forecasting can maximize your customers' satisfaction. Presenters will also discuss how open communication techniques with all stakeholders can maintain high service levels and product availability to all customers. Fully utilizing USDA Foods will also be explored.

Earn 1 Hour Professional Development!

USDA Professional Standard Code: 2400 / Key Area: Operations

Click the link to register!

<http://www.commodityfoods.org/event-2664801/Registration>

Best Practices of Summer Meals

The fall temperatures remind us that it is time to wrap-up all the records from the summer feeding programs. Records must be maintained for 3 years past the current year, so this summer documentation must be kept until October 1, 2020. The South Dakota Department of Education sent a post-summer session survey to Summer Food Service Program sponsors with 94% responding! The results are available for review at [South Dakota DOE CANS Summer Food Service Program](#) under Documents titled [SFSP Sponsor Survey Results Post 2017](#). The SFSP Debriefing Call reminder email was sent to SFSP contacts and had a list of resources that were requested in the survey. In addition the SFSP will add information to the Check in with CANS call each month and added a call targeted for Mobile Feeding information for interested sponsors set for November 15, 2017 at 9 MT/10 CT. The 2018 Save the Date List found at the South Dakota DOE CANS Summer Food Service Program website lists all the dates of training and information important to returning and potential sponsors.

Also of interest check out the SFSP Sponsor Newsletter posted each month which assists in keeping sponsors up to date with the changes in the USDA's Summer Food Service Program as new webinars and policy memorandums are released from the Food and Nutrition Services.

In addition the [USDA Food and Nutrition Services Summer Food Service Program](#) have added under SFSP Tools - the subtitle Best Practices that may give you interesting insight to ways to grow or enhance your program for 2018. If you have additional questions or are exploring the summer meals options contact [Julie McCord](#) or (605) 773-3110.

Action for Healthy Kids

Webinar Series for SY 2017-2018

One of our partner organizations in the Child Nutrition Programs, **Action for Healthy Kids**, recently released their fall and winter webinars schedule for the upcoming school year. These webinars will cover a wide range of topics to improve the health and wellness of your school: improving your local Wellness Policy, ideas for Smart Snacks in schools, breakfast in the classroom, messaging to parents, and more!

You can register for one or all of the following webinars by going to this website: <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/events/webinars> and selecting the webinars you wish to attend or clicking on the individual webinar listed below. Please note, these webinars are not hosted by CANS.

[School Breakfast: Moving Meals Improves Participation](#)

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 | 60 minutes | 3:00 PM (CT), 2:00 PM (MT)

Join Action for Healthy Kids to discover the many benefits of moving school meals out of the cafeteria and before the bell. Discover the data that will support you making the move out of the cafeteria at your school.

[Wellness Wednesday: Healthy Celebrations Are More FUN!](#)

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 | 30 minutes | 3:00 PM (CT), 2:00 PM (MT)

Join Action for Healthy Kids for our October Monthly AFHK Wellness Wednesday Webinar to learn how to have fun with healthy classroom parties and school celebrations. We'll share lots of ideas and resources for parents, teachers and students to incorporate as part of any classroom celebration.

[Recess: Why It Should Rock!](#)

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 | 60 minutes | 2:00 PM (CT), 1:00 PM (MT)

Are you looking for ways to improve, refresh, and rejuvenate recess at your school? Join Action for Healthy Kids as we learn why recess is an evidence-based strategy to enhance learning environments and active schools. Learn about technical assistance and professional development on recess, indoor recess strategies, recess policies and more.

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[Wellness Wednesday: Integrating Movement into a Well-Rounded Education](#)

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 | 30 minutes | 3:00 PM (CT), 2:00 PM (MT)

Join Action for Healthy Kids to learn about integrating movement into a well-rounded education. Movement and physical activity boosts and activates the brain, improves on-task behavior, and leaves students more focused and ready to return to their academic activities.

[Family and Community Engagement 101: Maximizing Volunteers for School Health](#)

Thursday, November 16, 2017 | 60 minutes | 2:00 PM (CT), 1:00 PM (MT)

This webinar will prepare you on how to best use the parent and community volunteers you already have, and how to find the best volunteers to meet your school health needs.

[Game On for Child Nutrition Professionals](#)

Thursday, November 30, 2017 | 60 minutes | 3:00 PM (CT), 2:00 PM (MT)

Game On supports America's schools in creating healthier school environments. This webinar will introduce Game On to child nutrition professionals. Discover the many resources Game On offers to support your role as the healthy eating experts at your school.

[Game On for Health and Physical Education Teachers](#)

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 | 60 minutes | 2:00 PM (CT), 1:00 PM (MT)

This webinar will introduce Game On; provide specific examples and tips on how to integrate Game On into health and physical education; address the professional role health and physical educators play in coordinating and sustaining school wellness initiatives.

[Wellness Wednesday: Integrating Nutrition Education into a Well-Rounded Education](#)

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 | 30 minutes | 3:00 PM (CT), 2:00 PM (MT)

Join Action for Healthy Kids for our December 2017 Wellness Wednesday webinar to learn how your school and teachers can integrate nutrition education into core subjects! Strategies, tips and lesson ideas can be used at all levels and in multiple subjects.

[Wellness Wednesday: Is your school ready to take the SuperFit School Challenge?](#)

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 | 30 minutes | 3:00 PM (CT), 2:00 PM (MT)

Join us to learn about the AFHK new fundraising program, SuperFit School Challenge, and hear how your school can focus on helping students become healthier while raising funds to support their school.

[Get Recognized as a Healthy School with the HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms Initiative](#)

Thursday, January 25, 2018 | 60 minutes | 1:00 PM (CT), 12:00 PM (MT)

Become recognized as a healthy school by applying for the HealthierUS School Challenge. Join this webinar to learn more about the initiative and get tips and tricks for submitting a successful application. District/school staff, parents and community members are encouraged to join this webinar.

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[The Latest and Greatest on Local School Wellness Policies](#)

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 | 60 minutes | 2:00 PM (CT), 1:00 PM (MT)

Join Action for Healthy Kids to learn about the latest trends, research and resources for your district's Local School Wellness Policy to ensure compliance with requirements.

October SNA Webinar Wednesdays Series

Every Wednesday the School Nutrition Association (SNA) presents webinars relating to various topics across the Child Nutrition Programs. Below you will find a list of upcoming webinars that they host on Wednesdays for the month of October.

You can register for one or all of the following webinars by going to this website: <http://schoolnutrition.org/Webinars/#register> and selecting the webinars you wish to attend or clicking on the individual webinar listed below. Please note, these webinars are not hosted by CANS.

[Community Eligibility: Strategies to Improve Your ISP](#)

2:00 pm ET (1:00 pm CT/12:00 pm MT) on Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Register for this webinar to learn how to take the steps to improve your districts ISP and make community eligibility a more viable option.

Successful completion of the webinar and quiz is awarded 1 SNA CEU, or 1 CPEU for RDs/DTRs.

[Ask the Expert: Food Allergies Edition](#)

2:00 pm ET (1:00 pm CT/12:00 pm MT) on Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Register for this webinar and join JJ Levenstein, MD, and Jessica Gerdes, RN, for an informative Q&A session on food allergies. Questions submitted to SNA's Food Allergy Resource Center will be answered.

Successful completion of the webinar and quiz is awarded 1 SNA CEU, or 1 CPEU for RDs/DTRs.

Updated Policies

Some policies have multiple numbers. That means those apply to multiple programs.

Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP memos)

No new regulations or notices were issued for Child & Adult Care Food Program since the last Bulletin. Policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/policy> Links to Federal Register Documents and Regulations are also found on that page.

One new policy was issued providing clarification for a funding source for State agency use.

Date ▼	Document #	Title
09/20/2017	CACFP18-2017	Clarifications: Funding Levels for FY 2018 Child and Adult Care Food Program Audit Fund Allocation

School Nutrition Programs (SP memos)

No new regulations or notices were issued for **SFA school operation and administration** since the last Bulletin. Policies **can be found at** <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/policy>. Links to Federal Register Documents and Regulations are also found on that page.

One new policy provides Guidance for those beginning verification prior to October 1.

Date ▼	Document #	Title
09/08/2017	SP42-2017	Beginning Verification before October 1: Guidance to Local Educational Agencies

Summer Food Service Program (SP Memos)

No new policies, regulations, or notices were issued for Summer Food Service Program since the last Bulletin. Current policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>. Links to Federal Register Documents and Regulations are also found on that page.

Food Distribution

No new policies, rules or notices were issued for food distribution programs since the last Bulletin. Food Distribution policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/policy>. Links to Federal Register Documents and Regulations are also found on that page.

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