

Check in with CANS

April 4, 2024, 2:30PM CT/1:30PM MT

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All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **Farm to School (F2S) Website** is [Live](#). At the top of the page is the new F2S **logo!** Reach out to us if you wish to use this logo.
- **Update Your iCAN Applications:** Has your organization had any staffing changes recently? If so, please update your iCAN application! If changes are made to the application, please don't forget to submit the application for approval so we can approve them! Making these updates helps two ways:
 - Let's us know to remove inactive staff's access to iCAN.
 - Updates are made to our email listserv for CANS News and other important communications!
- **Net Cash Resources for School Year 2024-2025:** Because of the extra federal funding that many Child Nutrition Program operators have received over the past few years from the Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) funds, DOE will once again allow operators to apply for a temporary flexibility for a 2-year spend down plan if they exceed a 5-month net cash resource limit for finances of school year 2023-2024. This will expand the timeline of the Spend Down Plan to June 30, 2026.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Reminders or Updates:

- **Upcoming CACFP training:** During this training, we will cover some CACFP basics and take a deep dive into other important topics such as procurement, claiming, and record keeping best practices. *This is optional training for any CACFP sponsors.* Training registration will be emailed out early next week!
 - May 9, 2024: In-person & online training in Pierre from 8 am – 5 pm (CST)
 - May 23, 2024: In-person in Sioux Falls from 8am – 5pm (CST)

School Nutrition Program (SNP) & Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates:

- **Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Guidance:** New USDA [memo SP 14-2024 Paid Lunch Equity: Guidance for SY2024-25](#) was released on March 20, 2024.
 - Only School Food Authorities (SFAs) that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school foodservice account as of June 30, 2023 will be required to establish a price for paid lunches using PLE guidance.
 - Any SFA with a positive or zero balance in its nonprofit school food service account as of June 30, 2023, is exempt from paid lunch equity pricing requirements.
 - Any SFA may choose to complete the PLE tool to remain consistent with PLE lunch price requirements.

- **Community Eligibility Provision Reporting Requirement**
 - Each school year, all SFAs (whether interested in CEP or not) are required to complete the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Site List Report in iCAN. **This report will open on April 1, 2024, and will close on April 10, 2024.** Please use the [CEP Reporting Instructions](#) to complete this report which can also be found on the [CANS SNP](#) website under the “School Meal Programs Requirements” section. There is also a CEP Report training in the DOE learning Management system.
 - Note: the person who fills out this report will need access to the iCAN system. Let us know if access is needed.

- **iMATCH Primero Edge System Maintenance**
 - On Monday, April 8 at 9:00 am CT / 8:00 am MT the Primero Edge iMatch system will be down for system maintenance for approximately 4 hours. If you are a CEP school that has NOT completed the required Site List Report and have not done your matches or your potential matches in iMATCH we encourage you to get it completed in the event that there are issues with the system coming back online.

- **Institute of Child Nutrition March Star Webinar: Effective Menu Planning Strategies: a step-by-step approach.**
 - ICN hosted this webinar live on March 28. If you missed the webinar, you can still access the recording on the ICN website.
 - This session is designed to equip school nutrition professionals with tried-and-true tips for crafting innovative menus that are appealing and inclusive to students. By participating in this webinar, school nutrition professionals will gain insight and practical tools for implementing a systematic approach to menu planning that caters to students' preferences, enhances their dining experience, and promotes overall well-being. To access the recorded webinar, you can go the [Institute of Child Nutrition](#) website.

- **2024 Pathways to School Nutrition Success Summer Conference** is scheduled for June 11-13 at the SDSU Campus in Brookings, SD. Registration is OPEN! This conference provides free training sessions about the School Nutrition Program. Learn ways to implement and deliver the best nutrition program in the state! Travel costs are allowable to your school foodservice program. The link to register is: [Pathways 2024 Registration](#)

- **Seamless Summer Option (SSO):** This program is available to schools participating in the school nutrition programs. SSO is an extension of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program designed for schools that wish to provide meals over the summer months to their communities, but do not want to change program operations to meet the requirements of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). If you are planning to operate the Seamless Summer Option, please reach out to CANS to update your application. If you need a refresher on SSO operations, you can access the training video available on our [DOE Professional Learning Platform](#).

- **Summer School and Extending the NSLP/SBP School Year:** If you are planning to have summer school and would like to continue feeding (only) the kids that are enrolled in summer school, please let us know and we will help you make the necessary iCAN SNP application updates.

- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Application Request for SY 2024-25.** If you are interested in adding the FFVP, a fresh fruit and vegetable snack program for elementary schools, in SY 2024-25, please click the following hyperlink and fill out a request for an application by **Wednesday, April 10.** [FFVP Application Request for SY 2024-25](#). All sites currently participating in FFVP will automatically receive an application and do not need to request an application. For more program information, contact CANS, or visit

the [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program webpage](#). FFVP is a snack program for elementary schools and is different than the DoD Fresh FFAVORS, where fresh fruit and vegetables orders are placed using Food Distribution Program entitlement.

- **Farm to School (F2S)**
 - **F2S Crew Meeting, [Zoom Link](#)**, Meeting ID: 910 6750 0343, and Passcode: 136372
 - April 9, 3:00pm CT (2:00pm MT).
 - 45 minute, high paced, information packed gathering of food service directors.
 - Participants are a mix of those who have done F2S and those who want to do F2S.
 - **Beef to School in South Dakota Survey REMINDER: Deadline Friday, April 5**
 - In order to provide relevant data about Beef to School in South Dakota we need your input, [take our survey](#)
 - The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.
 - Reach out to CANS if you have technical issues completing the survey
 - Results will be shared in June at Pathways and at the SD SNA state conference.
- **Procurement Plans – Review and Update Any Changes:** If you are expecting changes in SY 2024-25 procurement, now is a good time to update your written Procurement Procedures. Also – even if your general purchases won't change, it is required to make sure your procedures remain current.
 - update to SDCL 5-18A-11: the State threshold was moved to \$50,000 (increased from \$25,000).
- **Food Service Management Company Renewals:** FSMC contract renewals have been emailed. If you have not received a renewal packet, please let me know and I will get another one sent. As the documents are completed, please remember signatures and State Agency approval must be dated **before** the prior contract ending date and before the new contract can begin.
- **School Lunch Hero Day:** May 3, 2024 is school lunch hero day! Use this day to celebrate the school lunch heroes that serve meals at your school every day! Please share any of your celebration photos with CANS. We would love to see them! The [School Nutrition Association website](#) has more information about School Lunch Hero Day and ways you can celebrate!

USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders or Updates:

- The order form for May delivery is now open and contains all bonus products. SFA's are still responsible for paying the processing fees associated with the processing product. The May order form will close on Tuesday, April 9. If your district has entitlement remaining and you would like to use it, contact Darcy Beougher at darcy.beougher@state.sd.us before placing your order.
- Check your DoD Fresh/FFAVORS accounts and make sure you are on track to use all of your funding by June 30. If you will not be able to use your remaining DoD Fresh/FFAVORS entitlement, contact Darcy Beougher as soon as you can so other schools can use the funding.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reminders or Updates:

- **Congratulations to our Summer 2023 Turnip the Beet Gold Award** winners, Belle Fourche School District and Vermillion School District!
- **Summer 2024 SFSP applications Are Open!** Please note that applications must be fully **approved by May 20, 2024**. Please start working on the application now and submit early. Approval normally takes a few submissions, plan accordingly and allow that process adequate time.
 - Once your organization's SFSP application is approved, we will mail the SFSP banner if you did not receive a banner for your site last summer.

- **SFSP Site Operational Training** is scheduled for April 19, 2024. This online training will be held from 1-3 pm CT / noon-2pm MT.
- **F2S Crew Meetings** are focusing solely on SFSP operators in May, June, and July, at 3 pm CT / 2 pm MT
 - May 14 —SFSP Local Food Menu Challenge
 - June 11 —Engagement Activity Resources
 - July 9—Recipes and Taste Testing How To's
 - Here's the [link](#) to join. Meeting ID: 910 6750 0343; Passcode: 136372

Upcoming Trainings or Calls:

- Check in with CANS occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT/1:30 pm MT.
 - Next Check in Date: May 2
 - Final call tentatively scheduled call: June 6, if needed
 - Join [via Zoom](#) with the following Meeting ID: 996 4896 6220; Passcode: 870082.
- Crash Course with CANS - All crash course trainings take place on Thursdays at 2:30 pm CT / 1:30pm MT via Zoom. Join with this [Zoom link](#). Meeting ID: 996 4896 6220; Passcode: 870082.
 - 4/11 Crediting Grains in CACFP
 - 4/25 How to Write a Grant
 - 5/16 CN Final Meal Pattern Rules

On demand Crash Course with CANS videos can be found at <https://sded.sd.gov/>. Select categories: Child and Adult Nutrition Services to filter training options. Enroll in *Crash Course with CANS* to access the entire list of short training videos. New videos are added after they are completed live!