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A Final Note From Sandra

As noted in the previous Bulletin, I am retiring on March 8. I started this series more than a few years ago with the notes of the musical scale and I close with the same – the whole scale this time! **A** for appreciation for everyone who works with our programs to care for the children and adults in our State, **B** for the belief that people will rise to the challenge with education and coaching, **C** for courage to deal with the challenge of change, **D** for decency in our actions and our words, **E** for the example we set for one another and the children, **F** for keeping that funny bone, and **G** for generosity in thought, word, and deed.



Almost everyone is passionate about their “kids” and adults. The real pay for these positions is in the gratitude and the smiles, not the monetary rewards. Thank you for all your work and caring. A lot of it has been good times, but there definitely have been stressful times as program regulations became more structured and detailed. We have learned new ways to deal with the requirements and it eventually becomes routine.

And finally, please remember to find time to smile or laugh each day. Sometimes that laugh comes from talking with children, or those that deal with the children, and other times from looking at ourselves. Norman Cousins said that laughter is internal jogging so you don't have to go outside, and Charlie Chaplain said that a day without laughter is wasted!

I hope I see you in the continued song of life.

Change in Leadership at Your State Agency

A Note From Cheriee

Greetings! I am honored and humbled to take on the program administrator role for the Child and Adult Nutrition Services. I have big shoes to fill and I want to extend my appreciation and gratitude to Sandra as well as some others in the DOE leadership for fostering my growth in the CANS office and to prepare me for this job.

In my eight years with the School Nutrition Programs, I have seen a great deal of change and growth both in our schools and agencies, and in our little office. With a strong cooperative relationship with our schools and agencies, we were able to rise up and meet the new challenges while making improvements along the way. I look forward to working alongside all of you to continue strengthening the nutrition safety net in South Dakota by providing food and nutrition assistance to our children and families.

Our state team has seen many changes over the past several years. Currently we have a solid team of dedicated and caring staff ready and willing to provide help in all of our programs. We are currently in the process of filling my previous position as School Nutrition Program Assistant Director. I am also pleased to announce that Pam McCown has accepted a new assistant director position for the Community Nutrition Programs (CACFP, SFSP, Food Distribution, The Emergency Food Pantry, and Commodity Supplemental Food Service). On top of her new assistant director duties she will continue to manage the iCAN computer system.

We recently held a series of listening sessions throughout the state to listen to agency concerns, criticisms, and suggestions. I encourage you to let our office know if you have more ideas that you were not able to share during the listening sessions. With a cooperative relationship we can grow, improve, and overcome challenges together. As Sandra Day O'Connor once said, "we don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something."

Check in With CANS Monthly Conference Call

SY 17-18 Dates

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:

- 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!

March into National Nutrition Month

Did you know that March is National Nutrition Month!? This is a great time to promote your nutritious school meals to parents and community members! You can also use this month to focus on nutrition education activities with students that may be outlined in your Local Wellness Policy. Check out [Choose My Plate](#) or [the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics](#) websites for fun activities and more information about National Nutrition Month. If your school does anything exciting please feel free to share it with our office at DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us with the subject line "National Nutrition Month".

South Dakota Sponsor Spotlight!

Is your school doing anything unique and interesting in your programs that you would like to share!? Do you want to be featured in our South Dakota Sponsor Spotlight segment!? Submit any pictures along with a summary of the exciting events that you're doing to DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us.

Vermillion Elementary School—Produce of the Month Program

The Elementary schools in the Vermillion School District are focusing on nutrition education. Once a month they partner with their local Hy-Vee and select a fresh fruit or vegetable to be their "produce of the month". The local Hy-Vee will place a "produce of the month" sign on that specific item in the produce section of the store and then kids can see it when they go grocery shopping with their families. The students' classrooms are provided a nutrition education lesson about the particular fruit or vegetable chosen and then are given an opportunity to taste it! To read more about this program check out the article [Program Helps Students Acquire New Tastes](#) in the Vermillion Plain Talk.

SD Foodservice Director Featured in School Nutrition Magazine

Brookings School District Foodservice Director and SNA SD President, Laura Duba, was featured in the [February 2018 edition of School Nutrition Magazine](#). The article talks about her leadership journey and how she motivates and leads her staff members. She also mentions how she developed her leadership skills and some of her mentors that have helped her along the way. [Check out Laura's article here!](#)

School Breakfast Grants!

Action for Healthy Kids is pleased to release its School Breakfast for Healthy Kids grant for the 2018 -2019 school year. These grants are for schools and districts to implement new alternative breakfast initiatives including, but not limited to breakfast in the classroom and grab n' go breakfast options. The grants are as follows: *School Breakfast for Healthy Kids* grants provide funding and technical assistance for schools and districts to implement new alternative breakfast programming. Funding will be awarded in the following manner:

- **\$3,000:** To be considered, schools will:
 - Offer breakfast at no charge for ALL students (either participation in Provision 2 or Community Eligibility Provision)
 - Implement new alternative breakfast programming (e.g. breakfast in the classroom, grab and go to the classroom)
 - Have a current breakfast participation of less than 50%
- **\$2,000:** To be considered, schools will:
 - Implement new alternative breakfast programming (e.g. breakfast in the classroom, grab and go to the classroom)

Plans submitted must be sustainable and provide the alternative or free breakfast all year long to be considered. South Dakota has never had a school awarded this specific grant, therefore schools who apply have a higher chance of receiving a grant. Grant applications are due **Friday, April 6th 2018**. For more information on the grant and Action for Healthy Kids visit <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/tools-for-schools/apply-for-grants>.

National School Breakfast Week!

We want to hear what your school did for National School Breakfast Week! NSBW was **March 5th – 9th 2018**. School Nutrition Association has announced this year's theme as "I Heart School Breakfast." The theme encourages parents, students and school officials to promote the importance of school breakfast through social media and the use of breakfast emojis. Submit pictures with a summary of what your school is doing for NSBW to DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us with subject line "National School Breakfast Week" or "NSBW." For more information on NSBW and to download a copy of the SNA NSBW toolkit visit <https://schoolnutrition.org/Meetings/Events/NSBW/2018/>.



Food Crediting in Child Nutrition Programs Comment Period Extended!

On Thursday, December 14, 2017, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published a *Request for Information* entitled, Food Crediting in Child Nutrition Programs. The *Request for Information* comment period has been extended through April 23, 2018.

In order to claim Federal reimbursement, Child Nutrition Program operators must serve meals and snacks that meet the minimum meal pattern requirements of the respective Program. Crediting is the process designed by FNS to specify how individual food items contribute to the Child Nutrition Programs' meal patterns. Several factors impact how food products can credit toward reimbursable meals, such as volume, weight, and overall nutrient profile. The purpose of this *Request for Information* is to help FNS gather feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders on how FNS' crediting system can best address today's evolving food and nutrition environment, as well as to offer first-rate customer service to those operating and benefitting from the Child Nutrition Programs.

The *Request for Information* will be available for public comment through April 23, 2018. Electronic comments are preferred and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

For more information about the *Request for Information*, please see the webinar that was recorded in December 2017, exploring all of the questions asked in the *Request for Information*: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/food-crediting-child-nutrition-programs-request-information>.

Proposed Rule: Hiring Flexibility Under Professional Standards

On Tuesday March 6, 2018, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published a Proposed Rule, entitled, Hiring Flexibility Under Professional Standards. This proposed rule would add four flexibilities to the hiring standards for new school nutrition program directors in small local educational agencies (LEAs) and new school nutrition program State directors under the professional standards regulations for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

- First, to address the hiring challenge faced by small LEAs, those with 2,499 or fewer students, this rule would require relevant food service experience rather than school nutrition program experience for new directors.
- Second, it would provide State agencies with discretion to consider volunteer or unpaid work as relevant food service experience for new school nutrition program directors in small LEAs.
- Third, to further assist LEAs with less than 500 students, this proposed rule would expand the existing regulatory flexibility which gives State agencies discretion to accept less than the required years of food service experience when an applicant for a new director position has the minimum required education.

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- Fourth, this rule would also add flexibility to the hiring standards for State directors of school nutrition programs by considering applicants with either a bachelor's or a master's degree in specific, relevant fields.

These proposed changes are expected to expand the pool of candidates qualified to serve as leaders in the school nutrition programs while continuing to ensure that school nutrition professionals are able to perform their duties effectively and efficiently.

The Proposed Rule will be available for public comment through May 7, 2018. Electronic comments are preferred and may be submitted at: <https://www.regulations.gov/>.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program— Budgeting Assistance

Although CANS provides funding amounts and an average monthly spending goal to schools at the time of FFVP approval, it can be very easy to get off-budget throughout the school year, with snow days, early releases, and minimal operational days around the holidays. The following link will provide instruction on how to identify your FFVP school's remaining budget, and will provide steps on how to determine a budget in the middle of the year. [FFVP Budgeting](#)

Feel free to visit the CANS-FFVP page for more resources, helpful tools, and program information.

HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) Awards

The HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) award program will no longer be accepting applications, effective July 1, 2018.

USDA/Food and Nutrition Service will host a webinar on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 1:00 PM CT/12:00 PM MT. The HUSSC webinar will provide additional guidance to help schools successfully receive awards prior to the program's completion. Registration for the webinar is available at: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/arvyij02zjm&eom>.

Please see the [Memo](#) for further information. Please contact CANS at 605-773-3413 or doe.school lunch@state.sd.us with any questions.

Farm to School Survey

We at Dakota Rural Action have been working for several years to increase the consumption of local foods in schools and the amount of food produced by our family farmers, and your responses will help us further our work. As the Farm to School Core Partner organization for South Dakota with the National Farm to School Network we are writing to ask you to fill out the enclosed survey about the use of locally produced food in your meal program.

Over the past few years, we've worked with local producers and schools to create relationships that bring locally grown food into the school lunch program. With everything facing school lunch programs, we're sending out this survey to find out more about your needs, interests, and how we can help. We hope to work with you to discover and take advantage of what is possible in South Dakota. We know there are a great number of challenges to getting local food in our schools and other institutions, but the best way to overcome challenges is by addressing them one at a time.

In the past several years we've produced the *SD Local Foods Directory* which you can obtain a copy of by calling our office, held a beginning farmer training program called Farm Beginnings, helped organize Dakota Fresh the first ever Food Hub in South Dakota, and are currently working with the SD Dept. of Education and Extension to create the first ever SD Farm to School Handbook. Each of these projects put us one step closer to a vibrant local food system in SD and a stronger Farm to School program for our schools and students.

Please fill out and send back the survey in the envelope provided or go online and fill it out at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDSchoolFoodSurvey2018> by **June 1, 2018**.

If you have any questions please call Holly at (605) 697-5204 Ext. 250 or e-mail her at hollyt@dakotarural.org. Please put "School Food Survey" in the subject line.

Environmental Education Local Grants Program for EPA Region 8

The purpose of the Environmental Education Local Grants Program in Region 8 is to support locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental and conservation issues and provide the skills necessary for participants to make informed decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment. The total funding for the competitive opportunity in U.S. EPA Region 8 is up to \$300,000. This Region expects to award three or four grants for **no less than \$50,000, and no more than \$100,000 each**. Possible proposals include a school compost for breakfast and lunch waste. The closing date and time for receipt of proposal submissions is **March 15, 2018**.

For More information visit <https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grant-solicitation-notice>

Food Buying Guide Mobile Apps Now Available

The Food Buying Guide (FBG) is the essential resource for food yield information for all Child Nutrition Programs (CNP). The FBG assists CNP operators, food manufacturers, and other stakeholders with:

- Purchasing the correct amounts of foods for Child Nutrition meal programs
- Determining the contribution that each food makes toward meal pattern requirements

Now Available! The FBG has gone digital to provide menu planning features at your fingertips! There are mobile apps available for both Android and IOS Systems.

The FBG Mobile App also includes access to narrative content which provides:

- Child Nutrition Program-specific information for meeting meal pattern requirements
- Helpful information related to food purchasing and how to utilize food yield information in the FBG
- Additional resources related to meal pattern requirements and menu planning for CNPs

[Click Here to Download it Today!](#)

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

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- 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/>.

SNA Webinar Wednesdays Series

On Wednesdays 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 will be hosting for the remainder of the school year.

You can find more information about each of the webinars as well as registration information here: <http://schoolnutrition.org/Webinars/>

Registration is Open:

Community Eligibility Series, Part 2: Making It Work With ISPs Below 60%

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 1:00 pm CT/12:00 pm MT

Join this webinar to learn how other districts have operated Community Eligibility with ISPs below 60% to see if you can make it work in your district.

Best of #SNIC18: Making Plant-Based Eating Doable and Desirable in K-12

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 1:00 pm CT/12:00 pm MT

Are plant-based proteins nutritious and safe for growing children? Join this webinar to explore this growing trend and examine the nutritional adequacy of plant-based diets in K-12.

Best of #SNIC18: When it Comes to Food and Ingredients, What Do Consumers Really Want?

Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 1:00 pm CT/12:00 pm MT

Good value. Convenient. Clean label. Locally sourced. What do consumers really want? Join strategic nutrition marketer Mark Cornthwaite who will help you uncover different consumer segments, their specific needs and how you can address those needs as a school nutrition program operator or industry professional.

Registration Coming Soon:

Community Eligibility Series, Part 3: Strategies for Partial Implementation

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 1:00 pm CT/12:00pm MT

Implementing Community Eligibility district-wide may not be financially viable for all school districts. Join this webinar to learn more about the flexibility of school districts in implementing CEP.

Pick It! Try It! Like It!

iGrow has a fun handout any FSD, cook, teacher, or parent would love! Pick It, Try It, Like It materials are filled with tips for selecting, exploring, and cooking a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Factual information complements simple, healthy, and tested recipes. Colorful fact sheets, recipe cards, and educational videos provide educators and families with fun, engaging tools to enhance any dietary curriculum! These would be great to hang on the wall of any cafeteria for the harvest of the month. Trying to fit

*Pick it! Try it!
Like it!*

eggplant into your menu, but your kids aren't too keen on it? Try the sampling recipe with display instructions. It's bound to be a hit! To find the printable handouts for more than 40 vegetables visit <http://igrow.org/healthy-families/health-and-wellness/pick-it-try-it-like-it/>



Building the Future with CACFP

Upcoming CACFP Training Workshops

The following workshop dates and locations have been set for the spring 2018 CACFP workshops.

“CACFP Basic Training” workshops are suggested for new agencies in the CACFP or new staff working with the CACFP within your agency. These are not workshops intended for “veteran” employees who have recently attended a CACFP workshop. These workshops provide very basic training in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. In 2018, the format for this training changed significantly. The topics have been divided into two separate days. The first day will cover the CACFP duties that are typically done by administrative staff. The second day will cover the duties that are typically done by food service staff. Some of the CACFP training topics will be covered on both days since they are duties that may apply to both administrative and food service staff. We understand that some agencies have the same person doing all (or most) of the CACFP duties. When the same person is attending both dates, the repeat sessions only need to

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be attended on one day; however, that individual would be welcome to attend on both days, if desired. These training sessions are a chance to gain information that is needed to operate the CACFP and are free of charge. Registration is limited to 25 people per session. Due to the limited number of participants, new agencies and new staff will be given highest priority.

“**CACFP Plus! Training**” is suggested for agencies that have CACFP staff that just need a review of the requirements to meet the annual training requirement but do not need an in-depth training on the topics. This workshop includes all of the required CACFP annual training topics. Please notice that we are offering two sessions of the CACFP Plus! workshops in Rapid City and Sioux Falls. Each session will be identical.

The dates and locations of the CACFP Plus! training are as follows:

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| May 10 | Rapid City | Youth & Family Services |
| May 11 | Rapid City | Youth & Family Services |
| May 22 | Aberdeen | YMCA of Aberdeen |
| May 23 | Watertown | Lake Area Technical Institute |
| June 5 | Sioux Falls | Augustana University |
| June 6 | Sioux Falls | Augustana University |
| June 21 | Pierre | MacKay Building |
| June 27 | Mitchell | Mitchell Technical Institute |

The dates and locations of the CACFP Basic training are as follows:

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|---------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| May 8 | Administrative | Rapid City | Youth & Family Services |
| May 9 | Food Service | Rapid City | Youth & Family Services |
| May 30 | Administrative | Sioux Falls | Sioux Falls School District |
| May 31 | Food Service | Sioux Falls | Sioux Falls School District |
| June 19 | Administrative | Pierre | MacKay Building |
| June 20 | Food Service | Pierre | MacKay Building |

Pre-registration is required for all workshops. There is no charge to attend. For more information please contact Melissa Halling at (605) 280-2696 or by email at Melissa.Halling@state.sd.us.

Mealtime Memo for Child Care

The February 2018 issue of *Mealtime Memo for Child Care*, the monthly newsletter that includes

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menus, recipes, and activities related to child care, is now online.

Screen Media - Its Influence and Recommendations

Are you familiar with the term screen media? Screen media is visual content delivered via digital screens that include TV, cinematic screen, computer screen, and smaller screens such as smartphones and other handheld devices. Children enjoy watching television (TV) or playing games on a computer. MedlinePlus (2017) suggests children that have too much screen time are at risk for gaining weight and for obesity. Therefore, this memo will provide recommended screen media guidelines for young children.

SFSP Administrative Trainings Around the Corner & Farm to Summer Info

The Summer Food Service Program Administrative Trainings are required for annual approval in the Summer Food Service Program. The administrative staff returning for another summer will view the webinar on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, and those new to the program attend the workshop on Thursday, March 22, 2018 in Pierre.

Any foodservice staff following the SFSP meal pattern; are encouraged to the SFSP Operational Training in April if this is the first year using it. The SFSP Training Registration <http://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/18Straining.pdf> is required for the April training no later than March 23, 2018. Additional locations are being determined; contact julie.mccord@state.sd.us with question or to get more information.

The Dirt is a publication from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service's Office of Community Food Systems and shared the following links regarding Farm to Summer that may be of interest to schools and sponsors for this summer. The [Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\)](#) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Summer's warm weather and long sunny days make it the perfect time to grow and harvest fresh, local fruits and vegetables for summer meals.

Check out these resources, and head to our [farm to summer website](#), to learn more about how to bring farm to school to your summer meal site:

- [Farm to Summer Fact Sheet](#) - Use this fact sheet for summer meal program

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tips on incorporating local foods and agriculture-based activities.

- [Local Foods and Related Activities in Summer Meal Programs](#) (SP-07_SFSP07-2016) - This policy memo provides guidance on the incorporation of local foods and nutrition and agriculture-based activities into Summer Meal Programs.
- [Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs](#) - This resource covers procurement basics, defining local, where to find local products, and the variety of ways child nutrition program operators can purchase locally in accordance with regulations.
- [USDA Farm to School Census](#) - Locate schools that include local foods in their SFSP.
- [SFSP Toolkit](#) - Find local foods guidance for state agencies, sponsors, and partner organizations, along with tips for starting a summer meals site at farmers markets.
- [SFSP Handbook](#) - Sponsors can find guidance on procurement and tips on targeting local foods.
- [SFSP Webinar Series](#) - Listen to presenters discuss incorporating local foods in summer meals, building awareness about summer programs, engaging in partnerships that help boost participation and increase access, and more.
- [Capacity Builder Map](#) - This tool allows sponsors to visualize community data, such as the locations of farmers markets, [Turnip the Beet](#) winners, and previous Farm to School grantees, as they plan for new summer sites.

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.

[Wellness Wednesday: Yoga in the Classroom](#)

Tuesday, March 14, 2018 | 30 minutes | 3:00 PM (CT), 2:00 PM (MT)

Join Action for Healthy Kids to learn about integrating yoga in a classroom environment. Learn how to use simple yoga-based movements and practices to increase physical fitness, student focus and academic performance! This webinar is recommended for teachers and champions for active kids.

[Helping Kids Learn Better with Healthy School Meals](#)

Thursday, March 22, 2018 | 60 minutes | 1:00 PM (CT), 12:00 PM (MT)

Kids who eat healthy school meals have fewer absences and higher academic achievement. Making school meals healthy, nutritious and successful is both a challenge and an incredible opportunity. Learn how national school meal programs work and how parents and community members can deepen support, trust and meaningful collaboration with nutrition services staff to create healthier school food environments. Hear how parents are making a difference, and learn about resources to help you become a healthy school meals champion! For parents, school wellness champions and school health teams.

[Wellness Wednesday: Healthy Snacking](#)

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 | 30 minutes | 3:00 PM (CT), 2:00 PM (MT)

Join Action for Healthy Kids for our Wellness Wednesday Webinar to spice up your snacking routine with fun and healthy snacks for all ages. Learn about easy healthy snacks you can serve during or after school, and as part of school celebrations.

[Wellness Wednesday: How to Show Your Volunteers They're Valued](#)

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 | 30 minutes | 3:00 PM (CT), 2:00 PM (MT)

As the end of the school year approaches, it's a great time to show all the family and community members who have helped support your school health efforts throughout the year just how much you appreciate them. Join Action for Healthy Kids for this Wellness Wednesday Webinar and hear some creative ways other schools have thanked their volunteers and engaged them to become even more active in the future.

Updated Policies

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

Child & Adult Care Food Program

No new policies have been issued for Child & Adult Care Food Program. Current policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/policy> (CACFP memos). No new announcements have been published in the Federal Register affecting the programs.

School Nutrition Programs (SP Memos)

Policies that apply to school operation and administration can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/policy>. **One** new policy has been issued since the last Bulletin.

| Date | Document # | Title |
|-------------|-------------------|---|
| 03/05/2018 | SP09-2018 | Reducing School Meal Certification Error through Improved Online Application Design |

Summer Food Service Program

One new policy has been issued for Summer Food Service Program. Policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>. We do anticipate new policies for the coming summer relatively soon.

| Date | Document # | Title |
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| 01/18/2018 | SFSP01-2018 | Market Basket Analysis when Procuring Program Goods and Modifying Contracted-For Product Lists |

In addition, one notice was published in the Federal Register regarding reimbursement rates for Summer 2018.

| Date | Title |
|-------------|--|
| 01/29/2018 | Summer Food Service Program 2018 Reimbursement Rates |

Food Distribution

No new policies have been issued for food distribution programs since the last bulletin. Food Distribution policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/policy>. No new announcements have been published in the Federal Register affecting the programs.

Requests for Comments

According to the USDA websites, the following comment requests are open:

| Date | Title | Comments Due |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| 12/14/2017 | Food Crediting in Child Nutrition Programs: Request for Information—Comment Period Extended | 04/23/2018 |
| 03/06/2018 | Hiring Flexibility Under Professional Standards | 05/07/2018 |
| 02/06/2018 | Comments Request - Evaluation of the Independent Review of Applications Process for School Meal Programs | 04/09/2018 |

Contact CANS

For any question, comments, or concerns

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Professional Standards Reminder: Any learning or training you receive about any aspect of the School Nutrition Programs can be counted as training time towards the professional standards annual training requirement. Reading the bulletin each month does count towards training hours.

Please retain documentation to show what topics were trained. For example, agenda, topics, handbook, certificate, etc. And record training on a Tracking Tool – we suggest using the [SD Tracker Tool](#) posted on the CANS NSLP website.

To credit training hours for time spent reading the Nutrition Bulletin, you will need to keep track of the time you spent reading and determine the applicable training codes. Appropriate documentation for this would be a copy of the bulletin signed and dated with the amount of time written on it.