Presenter Information

Wednesday, October 21 – Friday, October 23, 2026

Keynote and General Session Presenters

Wednesday, October 21 – General Session: *Child Nutrition Foundations – Demystifying the History and Legal Structure*



Melissa Rothstein, Consulting Partner

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Melissa Rothstein is a consulting partner with Level One Consulting specializing in USDA Child Nutrition Programs, advising state agencies, school districts, and nonprofit organizations on program policy, operations, and implementation. She recently served as Associate Administrator for Child Nutrition Programs at USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, where she led programs serving more than 30 million children annually. Over her 30-year federal career, she directed major policy initiatives, advanced program integrity, and forged partnerships to improve access to nutritious meals nationwide.



Julie Brewer, Consultant

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Julie Brewer has over 35 years of experience helping communities identify and fill gaps in their food systems and has worked to improve nutrition and food security at the local, state, and national level. Julie led child nutrition and WIC policy teams at USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for eleven years, served as the program examiner for SNAP and Child Nutrition at the Office of Management and Budget for three years, and finished her federal career as the Director of the Community Food Systems Division at FNS before retiring in 2025. Julie has a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Montana. She is the mother of four grown children and Nana to three adorable little girls.

Thursday, October 22 – Keynote: *Rooted in Courage: Building a Foundation for Sustainable School Nutrition Leadership*

Educational Session: *Confidence Under Pressure: Leading Lean Without Losing Your Team*



Antoinetta Mosley, Chief Encouragement Officer (CEO)

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Antoinetta Mosley is a courage curator, keynote speaker, and author dedicated to helping individuals and organizations consistently cultivate courage to reach their highest potential. She is a leadership strategist at I Follow the Leader, a strategic consulting firm founded in 2016 that specializes in leadership and culture strategy, initiatives, and education. She also serves as the Chief Encouragement Officer at Courage Candy Co., focused on developing more courageous change agents.

Antoinetta has collaborated on projects with organizations of all sizes, from small to global nonprofits to Fortune 500 companies. She loves speaking about cultivating courage, celebrating culture, and courage-fueled conversations. Her commitment to her field has earned her recognition as one of Engagedly's Top 100 HR Influencers. Antoinetta is also the author of "6 Months of Courage Candy: Consistently Cultivate Courage to Reach Your Highest Potential," a book filled with daily inspirational messages designed to help readers increase their courage consciousness over six months.

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Friday, October 23 – General Session: *Building Strong Systems: Software Procurement and Proposed Rule Comments*



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Rachel Findley became a registered dietitian in 2006 while in her first role in a child nutrition program as a Summer Food Service Program Consultant. After leaving that role and a quick stint in clinical dietetics, Rachel found herself exploring her first transformational career experience with Johnston County Schools, NC, as a Child Nutrition Supervisor in 2008. In 2010, Rachel was promoted to Director of Child Nutrition Services where she led a team of 300 school nutrition professionals. Despite her love for school nutrition, she transitioned to teaching at her alma mater, Meredith College, in 2015, where she taught for nearly 10 years. But school nutrition called her home and in January of 2025, Rachel enthusiastically rejoined the school nutrition community as the Senior Director of the Office of School Nutrition and Auxiliary Services at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. In this role, she also supports the office of transportation and driver's education in addition to her responsibilities to the office of school nutrition.



Becky Sharpe, Program Analyst

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Becky Sharpe is a Program Analyst with the Office of School Nutrition, specializing in procurement and contract management. A graduate of NC State University, Becky has more than 20 years of school nutrition experience spanning Food Service Management Companies, district operations with Wake County Public Schools, and multiple leadership roles within the State Agency. Drawing on experience from both the operator and regulatory perspectives, Becky brings practical insight and real-world solutions to school nutrition professionals. She is passionate about helping School Food Authorities navigate compliance requirements and develop practical solutions that strengthen school nutrition programs.

Educational Session Presenters (alphabetical by last name)



Tikiyha Ancrum, Summer Program Consultant

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Tikiyha is a Lead Consultant for Summer Nutrition Program training and program materials. She has 15 years of nutrition experience within Federal Child Nutrition Programs and Nationwide Member Food Banks.



Tamara Baker, Project and Communications Director

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Tamara leads the Carolina Hunger Initiative at UNC's focus on expanding access to Summer and Afterschool federal child nutrition programs. Much of this work is in partnership with the national No Kid Hungry campaign. Her early career in Washington, DC, includes serving as press secretary for a member of the US House Agriculture Committee, working in USDA information services, and as a communications consultant for Feed the Children and other food and health-related organizations.



Tracey Bates, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND, School Nutrition Promotion Specialist

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Tracey Bates, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND is a School Nutrition Promotion Specialist for the Office of School Nutrition with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. In this role, she coordinates nutrition communications and outreach, develops educational materials and resources, promotes healthy school environments, supports farm to school and farm to summer programming, and provides professional development for School Nutrition personnel, educators and others working with school-age children and their families. Bates is currently coordinator for the NC Jr. Chef Competition, co-chair for the Farm to School Coalition of North Carolina, member of the leadership team for the NC Farm to Education Collaborative, a co-creator and planning committee member for the NC K-12 Culinary Institute, and a member of the School Garden Support Organization Network, Statewide Farm to School and School Garden Network Leaders, Multi-State Agency Local School Wellness Policy Collaborative, State Agency Communications Collaborative, NC State Nutrition Action Council (NC SNAC), NC State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Community Council, and the North Carolina Accessibility Community of Practice.

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Before being appointed to the Division Director position in April 2021, Walter served as the Assistant Director at the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food Distribution Division. Before moving into that position, he previously was the Warehouse Manager for over 8 years. Prior to that position, Walter ran his own business as a Licensed General Contractor for over eighteen years and still enjoys doing small construction projects today. When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family and traveling. Walter and his wife Beverly have been married for 45 years and have one daughter, Jessica who graduated from High Point University and is currently a school teacher. He has a passion for wildlife photography and spends time on Kerr Lake taking pictures of the bald eagles, and in the North Carolina mountains photographing the elk. Walter is very active in his church and has served as the Clerk of Session for 28 years. He coached high school girls' basketball for 5 years and softball for 3 years. Walter was born and raised in Vance County and still resides in Kittrell, NC. He is a graduate of Vance Senior High School.

Quote: "I greatly appreciate the morals and values that my parents taught me through my younger years and even still today."



Chef Garrett Berdan, RDN, K-12 Consultant and Chef

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Garrett Berdan is a registered dietitian nutritionist and chef who has worked with school nutrition programs since 2009. He is a K-12 Culinary Consultant for SproutCNP and the K12 Culinary Team. He recently served as a Nutritionist for the Nutrition and Technical Assistance Branch at USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition Programs. Garrett's prior experience also includes serving as an Education and Training Specialist with the Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition, menu planner and area supervisor for Spokane Public Schools, and as a child nutrition specialist with the Oregon Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs. Garrett's expertise also includes noncommercial foodservice consulting, culinary training, quantity recipe development, food marketing and communications. Garrett is a graduate of Washington State University and The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone.



Thompson Bertschy, Program and Partner Manager

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Thompson is dedicated to ending childhood hunger by building trusted community partnerships and making healthy, sustainable food accessible to every family. In his current role as Program and Partner Manager, Thompson partners closely with school food authorities, community organizations, and state agencies to provide support and expand access to federal child nutrition programs. Previously, he advanced national nutrition policy and programming through the No Kid Hungry campaign at Share Our Strength and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Nadine Goodwin Blake, BS, MS, School Nutrition Director

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Nadine brings over thirty years of extensive experience in the area of food service and administering school nutrition programs. She began her professional journey in school nutrition programs as a summer intern with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). After graduating from North Carolina Central University, she continued working with NCDPI until leaving to pursue a Master of Science degree at the University of Tennessee. She served as Director of School Nutrition in Granville County for 13 years and as Executive Director for Durham Public Schools for 10 years until retiring. As a proven leader, she developed and implemented standardized policies and procedures to improve program effectiveness and efficiencies, for the following: recruitment and hiring, staffing based on participation and service, comprehensive training program, instituted a staff incentive program, food production systems, menu and recipe development, technology infrastructure to support business and program applications, financial reporting, ordering/inventory systems, warehouse functions, small and large equipment specifications, equipment preventive maintenance programs, food safety and chemical program and procurement systems. She was a trail blazer and participated in one of the first cooperative (co-op) of small school districts joining together for purchasing power in North Carolina and the Nation. Later, she served as a founding member of the North Carolina Procurement Alliance. Now, out of retirement, she is using her skill set at Central Park School for Children as the School Nutrition Director.



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Jennifer Brown, RDN, is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and former School Nutrition Director with a strong background in child nutrition programs. She currently serves with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, where she supports school nutrition programs in meeting regulatory requirements, enhancing program effectiveness, and advancing student health and wellness. Jennifer is passionate about helping schools create environments where healthy choices contribute to student success both in and out of the classroom.



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Margaret Cameron is a Registered Dietitian and the Nutrition & Marketing Specialist for Gaston County Schools. Margaret began her School Nutrition career in 2007 in Harnett County, with several years in Wake County and Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Nutrition programs. Along the way she's come to appreciate that menu planning isn't about creating the perfect menu—it's about creating the best menu you can with the information and resources you have today. Every menu planner works within the same regulations, but no two districts have the same students, staffing, budgets, or equipment. That's what makes menu planning an ongoing process of learning, adapting, and improving.



Terin Coe, Manager of Youth Wellness

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Terin Coe is a Manager of Youth Wellness at The Dairy Alliance, where she brings over six years of experience as a school nutrition director and a deep-rooted passion for dairy. Growing up on a dairy farm, Terin brings the best of both worlds to her role—advocating for kids' health through balanced nutrition and dairy education. She is a proud mom of three busy kids and has been happily married for 18 years. For more than three years, Terin has led Youth Wellness programs across Tennessee, partnering with school nutrition professionals to bring practical resources, nutrition education, and a little dairy enthusiasm to school cafeterias. Beginning in 2027, she is excited to expand her work to support North Carolina School Nutrition Programs.



Debra Dixon Doss, Instructor

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Debra is an instructor for the North Carolina Association of School Business Officials (NCASBO) School Business Management Academy and has presented to school personnel throughout the United States. She has too many years of experience to count in serving public schools in North Carolina, from a small district to the largest district in the state, as well as North Carolina community colleges. Debra has served as a Food Service Director, Finance Officer, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, and Vice President of Fiscal and Administrative Services. Debra holds a Master of Education degree in Food Service Management and a Master of Business Administration degree.

Debra believes life is an adventure and not things. Every person we meet, whether a child or an adult, provides us with an opportunity to learn. It is better to have stories to tell, not stuff to show. She has been married to Gary for 47 years and has one feline child, TC "Turtle Cat," who has her parents wrapped around her little paw.

Every wonder why Debra always wears a turtle??? Ask her.



Kristen Dubiel, School Nutrition Consultant

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With over 15 years of leadership experience in school nutrition and food service, Kristen has a diverse background in management, procurement, food safety, and restaurant operations. She served as a School Nutrition Director and Supervisor for 15 years and has been involved with the North Carolina Procurement Alliance (NCPA) for over 10 years, serving in various roles including member and liaison. As a former Health Inspector for St. Louis County, Missouri, Kristen also has extensive experience in food safety, sanitation, and regulatory compliance. She holds a bachelor's degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management/Business and currently serves as a consultant for NCDPI, drawing on her experiences to support and strengthen school nutrition programs.



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Dana has worked for 21 years in School Nutrition with positions as bookkeeper, Supervisor and Director. She was the Director of School Nutrition at Johnston County Public Schools for 7 years and then moved to NCDPI as Area Consultant for 30 Southeast region School Food Authorities. The consultant position fueled her passion to help others strategically plan and implement new ideas in their School Nutrition programs. In January 2025, Dana was promoted into the role of Program Analyst working with the SFA Annual Agreement renewal packets, Free and Reduced-price Meal Applications, Verification and Charter School onboarding; just to name a few of her duties.



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Gary Gay has spent four decades championing local agriculture and food access in North Carolina. For the past four years, he has brought his extensive expertise to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as a Farm to School Consultant. Prior to this role, Gary capped off a distinguished 36-year career with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services retiring as the Division Director for the Food Distribution Division. As one of the original architects of the NC Farm to School Program, Gary remains deeply committed to connecting local farmers with school cafeterias across the state.



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Terry retired as the Chief Financial Officer for the Mooresville Graded School District. She has 33 years of experience serving North Carolina public schools as a Finance Officer, having served in both small school districts and one of the largest in the state. Terry is a Certified Public Accountant. She is active in the North Carolina Association of School Business Officials (NCASBO) and serves as an instructor for the NCASBO School Business Management Academy. She is also active in the Southeast Association for School Business Officials and the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International. Terry has received multiple awards, including the 2012 ASBO International Pinnacle of Achievement, the 2003 ASBO International Eagle – Service to District, and the 2019 ASBO International Eagle.

Terry believes that we should all work together to do everything possible to provide a quality learning experience to every child. Early in her career as a Chief Financial Officer, she understood that the more she knew about instructional goals, the better able she would be to stretch limited funds. When instruction and business form a team, the students win every time—teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to produce uncommon results.

Terry has been married to David for 40 years. They live in Kings Mountain and share their home with their four felines.



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Sheryl Harris has served as an Office of School Nutrition Consultant for Service Area 2 since 2022 and is in her second year serving as an alternate on the Administrative Review team. She has served fourteen years in School Nutrition, starting in 2012 with Buncombe County Schools as a middle school manager for two years, supervisor for three years, and Assistant Director for five years prior to joining NCDPI OSN as an Operations Consultant.



Victoria Homick, Section Chief, Technical Assistance and Support

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Victoria manages a team of fifteen consultants in the Office of School Nutrition that provides vital technical assistance, operational guidance, and training to school nutrition professionals across the state of North Carolina. The team focuses on helping school nutrition professionals navigate complex regulatory compliance, optimize menus, and increase student meal participation.



Cami Lewis, Manager of Youth Wellness

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Cami Lewis is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and Manager of Youth Wellness with The Dairy Alliance, where she has supported K–12 school nutrition professionals across North and South Carolina since 2013. With more than 14 years of experience in school nutrition, Cami is passionate about helping schools provide nutrient-rich dairy foods while supporting the people who work every day to nourish our nation's children. In 2027, Cami will step into the role of Assistant Director of Health & Wellness with The Dairy Alliance. Outside of work, she and her husband of more than 20 years live in Mooresville, North Carolina. They have two sons and most of their free time is spent at baseball fields cheering them on!

Bettie Lyons, MS, MIS, School Nutrition Site Consultant

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Bettie Lyons has extensive experience in school nutrition operations, staff training and change, and problem management. As a former School Nutrition Information Technology Specialist with Durham Public Schools Nutrition Services and Dietary Services Training Specialist at UNC Hospitals, she developed and delivered programs that strengthened compliance and internal systems, increased efficiency, and improved meal quality. In her role as IBM's Problem and Change Management

Coordinator, she helped technology teams identify the root causes of recurring system errors and worked with change management teams to plan and implement fixes and updates safely. She now serves as a School Site Consultant for Global Scholars Academy, where she supports school nutrition programs, strengthens staff skills, and develops student-centered food service solutions.



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Cindy retired in 2021 as Executive Director of Child Nutrition for Yadkin County Schools. She worked as a CN Director for over 30 years serving 4 districts. During her tenue she was awarded NC Friend of Child Nutrition Award and NC Farm-to-School Service Award. Cindy is former SNA State President and Director of the Year.

Since retirement Cindy works as a Farm-to-School Consultant with NC Department of Public Instruction and is an Adjunct Instructor in the College of Health Sciences at Appalachian State University.

Cindy is graduate of Meredith College and Appalachian State University.

Her greatest achievement is being Mom to 3 talented kids. She resides in on her family farm in Dobson, along with a dog, 3 cats, 2 donkeys and a small herd of goats.



Dr. J. Bryan Martin, CEO

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Dr. Martin began his career as a middle and high school band director in Harnett County. While a classroom teacher, he earned his Masters degree in School Administration at Campbell University. He returned to his native Johnston County and served as an assistant principal then principal for 20 years. During this time, he earned his Doctorate in Education Administration. He was named Outstanding Young Educator and Principal of the Year while serving as principal. In 2006, he was invited to join the Human Resources Department for Johnston County as a Director. He served there, being promoted to Executive Director, until accepting a position as Senior Director for Human Resources with the Wake County Public School System in 2012. He retired from Wake County in 2018 and began consulting work through Paradox Partners, LLC, which he formed in conjunction with his wife, Marti. Paradox Partners gets its name from Bryan and Marti, both of whom earned their doctorate degrees at NC State, making them a "pair o' docs." Since 2019, Dr. Martin has worked with a dozen school districts across North

Carolina, providing training and personnel support. He is enjoying the life of semi-retirement with Marti looking out at the water on Oak Island.



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Cathie Masters has been a Child Nutrition professional since 1989. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Service Management and Dietetics from San José State University and began her career as a Child Nutrition Supervisor with San José Unified School District in California.

After taking time away from her professional career to raise her four children, Cathie returned to Child Nutrition and joined the Wake County Public School System in Raleigh. She currently serves as an Area Consultant with the State Agency, a role she has held for the past nine years.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, Cathie enjoys exploring North Carolina's scenic hiking trails, actively participating in her church community, visiting local coffee houses, and learning new crafts.

Throughout her more than 34-year career in Child Nutrition, Cathie has had the privilege of working alongside many talented and dedicated professionals whose guidance, expertise, and commitment have had a lasting impact on her career and personal growth.

Gretchen Mauney, BS, MS, School Nutrition Operations Lead

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Gretchen combines corporate strategy, leadership, and community passion to her work in School Nutrition. After a successful career in the telecommunications industry spanning Operations, Engineering, and IT, she paused her corporate work to focus on her two adopted sons. When they entered elementary school, she leveraged her expertise to help the charter school meet the needs of the economically diverse population it was growing to include. Equipped with degrees in Mathematical Science, Business Administration, and Operations Research, Gretchen successfully transformed the food service program at Central Park School for Children. She navigated the regulations and procedures with DPI to enroll the school in the Special Milk Program then, in 2016, the National School Lunch Program, ensuring all students had access to healthy meals. While Gretchen has passed on primary management for the program, she continues to provide key operational support.



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Kim McCall is the NCDPI School Nutrition Consultant for Service Area 4. She brings 17 years of experience in school nutrition, including 10 years as a school nutrition director, to her work supporting school nutrition programs. Kim is also a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) and graduated from Winthrop University with her master's in human nutrition. She doesn't just believe in school nutrition—she's been a regular customer, too! As a director, she often purchased and enjoyed meals in the schools. Now she's happy knowing her 8-year-old daughter can enjoy nutritious meals and snacks at school, giving Mom one less thing to worry about when work takes her across the state. Drawing on her experience as a director, Kim helped develop a calendar and guidebook to support new and experienced administrators with the many responsibilities of the role. She also shares practical strategies for strengthening internal controls, establishing clear procedures, and helping staff make sound decisions.



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Jamie Narron is a Program Analyst at NCDPI, Office of School Nutrition. With over a decade of experience in School Nutrition serving in different roles as Bookkeeper, Supervisor, Director, and Program Analyst, she has experienced the importance of understanding financial management in every aspect of the program. She has a passion for developing practical and sustainable guidance and solutions to create meaningful impacts on School Food Authorities in North Carolina.

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Leslie Otts serves as a School Nutrition Consultant at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, where she has assisted in administering federal nutrition programs since 2008. As the subject matter expert for Unique Mealtime Needs, she specializes in developing and implementing dietary modifications and accommodations for students with food allergies and other special dietary requirements, ensuring safe and inclusive school nutrition programs across the state. Previously, Leslie managed Clinical Nutrition and Patient Services at Albemarle Hospital and served at Albemarle Regional Health Services, working with regional diabetes care and school wellness programs.



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Jennifer Ozkurt, MS, RD, LDN, is a Registered Dietitian with 10 years of experience in school nutrition, including directing and consulting positions. Prior to her work in child nutrition, Jennifer worked in plant pathology with the USDA, providing her with a strong foundation in agricultural and food sciences. She is passionate about helping schools improve operations, maintain program compliance, and expand opportunities for student success.



Jana Saur, Program and Brand Manager

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As a Program and Brand Manager, Jana collaborates with state agencies, school districts, and community organizations to support the expansion of federal child nutrition programs. Prior to joining the Carolina Hunger Initiative, she co-founded and operated PORCH Raleigh, a nonprofit that supported local food pantries through food donations.



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Amber Sharpe is a former School Nutrition Director for Wilson County Schools with experience in every level of school nutrition operations, having started her career as a school nutrition manager. She has worked across all aspects of the program, gaining a comprehensive understanding of both daily operations and program management. Since March 2026, she has served as a School Nutrition Consultant with the NC Department of Public Instruction. With a culinary background and a passion for professional development, Amber's mission is to empower and inspire school nutrition leaders across North Carolina, helping them build strong, sustainable programs that support student success.



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Pam Sheets graduated from East Carolina University in 1982. She has over 25 years of school nutrition experience and has worked or assisted in every school nutrition program. Her motto is “Have Faith and Have Fun.”



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Tara Simpson is a dedicated School Nutrition professional with 16 years of experience in School Nutrition and more than 20 years of combined experience in financial management and procurement. She currently serves as an Administrative

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Ginger Starling, M. Ed., is a statewide consultant of online learning development for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education at East Carolina University and master's degree in Learning Disabilities and Intellectual Disabilities from North Carolina State University. She has over 25 years of experience in education as a teacher, curriculum specialist, and early interventionist. Employing digital accessibility guidelines and adult learning principles, Ginger has developed blended opportunities that have increased access to the North

Carolina Office of Exceptional Children various courses including but not limited to *Reading Research to Classroom Practice* and *Foundations of Mathematics.* She is an active member of the NCDPI Digital Accessibility Taskforce and collaborates with colleagues to create resources that provide guidance on ensuring digital content is accessible for all.