

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION | Mark Johnson, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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# STATE AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW SUMMARY

Section 207 of the HHFKA amended section 22 of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1769c) to require State agencies (SA) to report the results of the administrative review to the public in an accessible, easily understood manner in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Secretary. Regulations at 7 CFR 210.18(m) requires the SA to post a summary of the most recent final administrative review results for each School Food Authority (SFA) on the SA publicly available website no later than 30 days after the SA provides the results of the administrative review to the SFA. The SA must also make a copy of the final administrative review report available to the public upon request.

### School Food Authority (SFA) Name: Halifax County Schools

SFA Agreement Number: 420

Date of Administrative Review (Entrance Conference Date): October 15, 2018

#### Date review results were provided to the SFA: October 18, 2018

#### **General Program Participation**

- 1. What Child Nutrition Programs does the School Food Authority participate in? (Select all that apply)
  - School Breakfast Program
  - National School Lunch Program
  - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
  - Afterschool Snack
  - Special Milk Program
  - Seamless Summer Option
- 2. Does the School Food Authority operate under any Special Provisions? (Select all that apply)
  - Community Eligibility Provision
  - Special Provision 1
  - Special Provision 2
  - Special Provision 3

# **Review Findings**

- 3. Were any findings identified during the review of this School Food Authority? ∑ Yes □ No
- 4. Is there fiscal action associated with findings identified during the review of this School Food Authority?

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REVIEW FINDINGS						
A. Program Access and Reimbursement						
YES	NO					
	$\boxtimes$	<b>Certification and Benefit Issuance</b> – Validation of the SFA's certification of students' eligibility for free or reduced-price meals benefits				
	$\boxtimes$	<b>Verification</b> – Validation of the process used by the SFA to confirm selected students' eligibility for free and reduced-price meal benefits				
		<b>Meal Counting and Claiming</b> – Validation of the SFA's meal counting and claiming system that accurately counts, records, consolidates, and reports the number of reimbursable meals claimed by category				
Finding Detail:						

B. Meal Patterns and Nutritional Quality				
YES	NO			
		<b>Meal Components and Quantities</b> – Validation that meals claimed for reimbursement contain the required meal components and quantities		
Findir	Finding Detail:			
$\boxtimes$		<b>Offer versus Serve (OVS)(provision that allows students to decline some of the food</b> <b>components offered</b> ) – Validation of the SFA's compliance with OVS requirements, if applicable		
Finding Detail: During the review of the lunch service, students were being instructed to select carrot soufflé or baked beans instead of the option to take both vegetables. The vegetables were offered in one-half (1/2) cup servings, therefore the students did not have the opportunity to select the minimum required vegetable of three-forth (3/4) cup. In addition, the school was not meeting the vegetable subgroup requirement.				
Findir	Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis – Validation that meals offered to   Children through the School Nutrition programs are consistent with federal standards for   Calories, saturated fat, sodium, and <i>trans</i> fat			

C. School Nutrition Environment					
YES	NO				
$\boxtimes$		<b>Food Safety</b> – Validation that all selected schools meet the food safety and storage requirements, and comply with the Buy American provisions specified by the regulations			
	Finding Detail: The warehouse cooler that stores USDA commodities must be replaced. The seal is				
worn and tattered, condensation is evident outside on the doorknob, the frame around the door is rusted					
and the door must be pried with a metal bar to open.					
	$\boxtimes$	Local School Wellness Policy – Review of the SFA's established Local School			
		Wellness Policy			
Finding Detail:					
		Competitive Foods – Validation of the SFA's compliance with regulations for all food			
		and beverages to students outside of the reimbursable meal			
Finding Detail:					
		<b>Professional Standards</b> – Validation of the SFA's compliance with required hiring			
		standards and annual training requirements			
Finding Detail:					
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D. Civil Rights					
YES	NO				
	$\square$	Civil Rights – Validation of the SFA's compliance with civil rights requirements as			
		applicable to the School Nutrition Programs			
Findir	ng Deta	il:			
E. Re	esource	Management			
YES	NO				
$\square$		Resource Management – Validation of the SFA's compliance with overall financial			
		health of the School Nutrition Program			
		il: A steamer was purchased during the 2017-2018 school year with a value over \$5,000.			
-	-	Equipment purchase of \$5,000 requires prior approval from the State Agency prior to			
<b>•</b>	•	e equipment. Finding 2: The SFA was promoting North Carolina apples in the month of			
		3. A basket of wrapped apples was placed in the school office at Southeast Halifax			
	-	ep Academy for students, teaching staff and adults to consume as part of the promotion.			
		ion Funds can only be used to subsidize food items for students and not adults. Finding 3:			
The Local Education Agency (LEA) did not properly prorate the hospitalization benefits for one (1)					
dual employee in the 2017-2018 school year (\$1,969.78) and 2018-2019 school year (\$558.44). As a					
result of this error, the School Nutrition Program's non-profit account was overcharged for employee					
benefits. *A refund is due to the Halifax County Public Schools' Nutrition Program in the amount of					
\$2,528.22 for hospitalization. An adjusting journal entry was submitted on February 3, 2019 for the					
2018-2019 hospitalization refund in the amount of \$558.44 leaving the amount due to the School					
Nutrition Program at \$1,969.78.					

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Finding Detail: