

School Nutrition Update

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Program Operations Information

Review New USDA Waivers Issued

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently issued waivers (Child Nutrition Response #84-96) to provide flexibilities for schools through June 2022 to support safe reopening and healthy, nutritious meals. Please review the waivers posted on the [USDA website](#). The N.C. Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), School Nutrition will be reaching out USDA about questions and clarifications regarding the waivers. Stay tuned to the School Nutrition Update and plan to participate in upcoming Zone virtual meetings and Wednesday Webinars with School Food Authorities (SFAs) for more info. NCDPI, School Nutrition will be updating the *Recap of Approved USDA Waivers in Response to COVID-19* to reflect the newly issued waivers.

Prepare for P-EBT Data Collection

Please be prepared to provide a file to the Testing Coordinator on the first business day of each month for the remainder of SY 2020-21. As with all reporting requirements, if the first falls on the weekend, the file will be due on the following Monday. The data collections are set for:

- Monday, May 3, 2021
- Tuesday, June 1, 2021
- Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Please note that if there have been no changes to students (through processing of a household application or direct certification) the June 30, 2021 will not be needed.

Submit Questions to be Answered During the Wednesday Webinars

Please submit any questions you have for the Wednesday Briefing for School Food Authorities (SFAs) via the [online form](#). Answer the first two questions and then enter your questions one question per box. If you have more than ten questions, please click on the link to the form and submit your additional questions.

School Nutrition Spotlight

Shout Out to Swain County High Jr. Chefs Cooking for Superintendent

The N.C. Jr. Chef team from Swain County High had the opportunity to prepare and present their Shepard's Pie with Sweet Potato Mash to Superintendent Truitt during her recent visit to Swain County. Way to go team! Hopefully, through travels across the state, the Superintendent will have the chance to meet our other talented N.C. Jr. Chef teams.



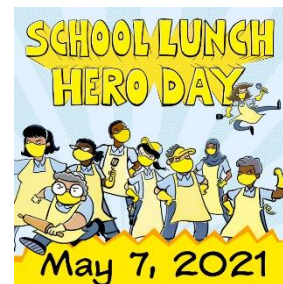
Check Out Schools Celebrating N.C. Farm to School Week

Schools across North Carolina celebrated N.C. Farm to School Week, April 19-23. The N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS), N.C. Farm to School Program shared highlights on social media of the farm to school activities in Craven County Schools, Carteret County Public Schools, Jones County Public Schools, and Pamlico County Schools. School systems highlighted North Carolina-grown products on their menus, featured farmers from which their School Nutrition Program sourced local agricultural products, and held activities to help students learn how food is grown, prepared and served. Craven County Schools students received a visit from a mobile dairy classroom and Ag Commissioner Troxler. Way to showcase “Got to Be NC”! Share with us how you are promoting farm to school.



Recognize Our School Nutrition Heroes!

May 7 is School Lunch Hero Day. Plan to recognize your local School Nutrition heroes for the amazing work they do nourishing children’s bodies, minds, and souls every day. Free [recognition resources](#) are available from the School Nutrition Association. Take a moment to learn more about the inspiration behind the day - watch the [video](#) from artist and author, Jarrett Krosoczka, and view his [Ted Talk](#). Jarrett will also be hosting a [live webinar](#) at 1 p.m. ET May 7, and students can join in the fun!



Submit a School Nutrition Spotlight

We love lifting up our #NCSchoolNutritionHeroes! If you know of a North Carolina School Nutrition team or professional that has received an award, honor or other recognition or should be spotlighted, please share for an upcoming School Nutrition Spotlight. Please send details to Tracey Bates, tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov.

Nutrition Education & Promotion

Celebrate Every Kid Healthy Week

Join Action for Healthy Kids and schools across the nation in celebrating Every Kid Healthy Week, April 26-30. Whether students are learning at home or at school, there are many ways for students, school staff and families to celebrate from Mindful Monday to Fitness Friday! [Access free ideas and resources](#).

EVERY KID HEALTHY WEEK 2021 SCHEDULE

APRIL 26 MINDFUL MONDAY	APRIL 27 TASTY TUESDAY	APRIL 28 WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	APRIL 29 THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY	APRIL 30 FITNESS FRIDAY
Social Emotional Health	Nutrition and Food Access	Self-care Strategies	Compassion, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness	Physical Activity and Active Play

Job Opportunity

Apply for Brunswick County Schools - Director of Child Nutrition Position

Brunswick County Schools is accepting applications for the Director of Child Nutrition. A bachelor's degree in business administration, education in foods and nutrition, home economics, or a related field preferable. A master's degree in food and nutrition or related field or business is preferred. Applicants should have at least twelve (12) years of successful experience in increasing levels of responsibility in School Nutrition and five (5) years of successful experience as a Child Nutrition Supervisor or Assistant Director. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Work with Pitt County Schools

Pitt County Schools has openings for a School Nutrition Supervisor and Registered Dietitian/School Nutrition Supervisor. SN Supervisor applicants must have a bachelor of science (B.S.) in a related field and two (2) years of food and management experience or bachelor's degree in any academic major with five (5) years of management of School Nutrition Programs. RD/SN Supervisor applicants must have a B.S. in nutrition or a related field, RD certification, and 5 years of experience in food service management. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Continuing Education



Aim for the Stars with the N.C. School Nutrition and Summer Conference

Please join us for our School and Summer Nutrition Virtual Conference, *Opportunities Aboard When We Aim for the Stars*, as we share encouraging stories, best practices, and new tools for providing nutritious meals to children across North Carolina, April 27 and 28 (1:00-4:30 pm ET) and April 29 (9:00 am - 4:00 pm ET). We have an amazing slate of renowned speakers who will provide valuable tools as you aim for the stars. The final day will feature the newly developed "N.C. Capacity Builder". Don't miss it! [Learn more and register.](#)

- Keynote for April 27th: Lee Rubin
 - **Five Components of Extraordinary Teams**
 - **Deeper Dive - Five Components of Extraordinary Teams**
- Keynote for April 28th: Sara Frasca
 - **Harnessing Innovation: Turning Raw Ideas into Powerful Results**
 - **Interactive Session - Judo Flip**
- Additional Session Speakers:
 - Beth Ziesenis, Your Nerdy Best Friend
 - Chef Cyndie Story, Beverly Girard, Chef Andy Montero: K-12 Culinary Excellence Team
 - Clarissa Hayes, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)
 - Shorlette Ammons, Extension Associate with CEFS at N.C. State University
 - Jessica Barkiewicz, NCDPI - Summer Nutrition



LEAD to Succeed™: Facilitating “LEARN to Master Difficult Conversations” Training with Your Staff – 4/28, 3 pm ET

Join the School Nutrition Foundation for a virtual guided tour of the facilitator guide for the first module in the SNF LEAD to Succeed™ training program. [Learn more and register.](#)

Access Virtual Training Opportunities

The Institute for Child Nutrition (ICN) has compiled [resources to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus](#). Online food safety/HACCP training is available on the NCDPI, School Nutrition [website](#) and the ICN [website](#). Additional continuing education resources are available on the School Nutrition [website](#) from NCDPI, ICN, the School Nutrition Association and other agencies and organizations. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics offers [COVID-19 professional resources](#) for Registered Dietitians/Nutritionists (RDNs) and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (DTRs), and [continuing professional education resources](#).

Questions

If you have any questions regarding these updates, please reach out to your regional consultants. Contact information for your Zone teams can be found [here](#).

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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