

# School Nutrition Update

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# Program Operations Information

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## ***Examine the #StrongSchoolsNC Toolkit Updates***

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services recently updated the #StrongSchoolsNC Toolkit to reflect new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on students returning to school.

- [StrongSchoolsNC Toolkit](#)
- [StrongSchoolsNC Key Updates Summary](#)
- [StrongSchoolsNC FAQ](#)

Please examine the toolkit updates and share them with fellow school leaders. If you have questions, please reach out to your [Zone team](#).

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## ***Ensure Completion of RACE Online***

Make sure at least two administrative staff members from your organization complete RACE Online by April 16, 2021. Certificates of completion must be uploaded to the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS) as part of your 2020-21 Site Application on or before April 16. Your organization's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Contact, Primary Authorized Representative and Claims Contact have been automatically registered for the RACE Online course. You no longer need to reach out to Debbie Crawford to register. For anyone who still needs to register, please use the following link:

<https://reporter.ncsu.edu/link/instanceview?courseID=MCE-OPD-C-DPIRACEO&deptName=MCE&instanceID=000001>.

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## ***Plan to Participate in the Cartwheel Refresher Training***

The requirement to use Cartwheel for meal counting at all SFSP sites will resume at the first date of your traditional summer operations (at the latest, start of July 1). Live virtual Cartwheel trainings are planned in May. Each will be recorded. All sessions will cover the same content. Please register for only one training date below. An email about the Cartwheel trainings was sent to all Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) contacts, Primary contacts, and SFSP claims contacts. Please share with other sponsor-level staff as needed.

Registration links for Refresher Trainings:

- [Monday, May 17th, 1-4pm](#)
- [Monday, May 24th, 1-4pm](#)
- [Tuesday, May 25th, 9am-12pm](#)

If you have a site staff training scheduled before these dates, please contact Jessica Barkiewicz at [jessica.barkiewicz@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:jessica.barkiewicz@dpi.nc.gov), for guidance.

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## **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**

### **Recognize Guilford County School Nutrition Managers**

Guilford County School Nutrition recently rewarded two School Nutrition managers for their hard work. Michelle Perry, School Nutrition manager of Northern Elementary School, was awarded Classified Employee of the Year. Gail Newsome, School Nutrition manager at Southeast High School, received the Guilford County Schools Employee of the Month. Both of these schools have great School Nutrition teams that work together well to feed children. Thank you, Michelle and Gail, for your leadership, and thank your teams for going above and beyond to serve children.



### **Celebrate Chatham County School Nutrition Excellence Awardees**

Chatham County School Nutrition Services would like to recognize the following staff with the Employee Excellence Award for the month of March 2021 for going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure children have healthy and nutritious meals each and every day and especially during the pandemic: Phyllis Hancock - Chatham Grove Elementary, Lori Ebner - Margaret B. Pollard Middle, Lisa Loflin - Virginia Cross Elementary, Brenda Caverly - Perry Harrison Elementary, Dana Bowman - Horton Middle, Principal Chris Bowling - J.S. Waters School.



### **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](mailto:tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov).

## **Nutrition Education and Promotion**

### **Sharing the Breakfast Bite Challenge**

Thank you to all the School Food Authorities (SFAs) that celebrated National School Breakfast Week, #NSBW21, and promoted how students can “Score Big with School Breakfast.” Thank you also to the SFAs, schools, students and staff that took the Breakfast Bite Challenge, taking a bite of a fruit or vegetable of choice for breakfast.



We loved seeing all the school breakfast promotion photos. Resources from NCDPI, School Nutrition can help you continue to promote the importance and benefits of school breakfast all year. Check out the [Breakfast is Brain Fuel Toolkit](#).

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## Job Opportunity

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### ***Apply for Pitt County School Nutrition Supervisor Position***

Pitt County School Nutrition Services has posted a School Nutrition Supervisor Position, Pay Grade 70 (Position #3444). Applicants must be food safety certified and have a bachelor of science degree in a related field and two or more years of foodservice and management experience or a bachelor's degree in any academic major with at least five years of management of School Nutrition Programs. [Learn more and apply.](#)

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## Continuing Education

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### ***Learn about Strengthening Equity and Inclusion in Garden Education – 4/7, 2 pm ET***

Join the School Garden Support Organization Network (SGSO) as they summarize the findings and resources of the 2021 Virtual Leadership Institute, a project of Life Lab in partnership with Whole Kids Foundation. This webinar series will highlight Strengthening Equity and Inclusion in Garden Education on April 7. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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### ***View SNA Webinars Before They Retire***

The School Nutrition Association is committed to providing the most up to date professional development possible. Given this, designated webinars will soon be retired as part of the SNA Virtual Training Zone. Some webinars from Best of ANC 17 and 18, Best of LAC 18 and 19, Best of SNIC 17, 18, 19 and 20, COVID-19 Resources, the Community Eligibility Series and Webinar Wednesdays are part of those being retired. To learn more and catch these webinars before they retire April 30, check out this [list](#).

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### ***Save the Date for the N.C. School Nutrition Conference and Summer Summit***

Plan to participate in the virtual N.C. School Nutrition Conference and Summer Summit on April 27-28, 1:00-4:30 pm, and April 29, 9:00 am-4:30 pm. Registration will begin in early April.

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### ***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](#).

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## Questions

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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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