

# School Nutrition Update

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## Program Operations Information

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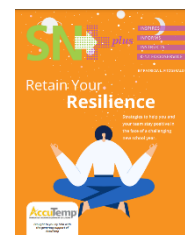
### ***Transitioning to Standard Operations in the Child Nutrition Programs and the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022***

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to share the [Transitioning to Standard Operations in the Child Nutrition Programs and the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022: Follow-Up Questions and Answers](#). On July 7, 2022, the FNS hosted a webinar with national allies to discuss the Child Nutrition Program operations. Questions and answers are regarding the nationwide waiver flexibilities issued through the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022. Listen to the [recorded webinar](#). Access [additional resources](#) for Child Nutrition Flexibilities for Summer 2022 and School Year 2022-23.

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### ***Retain Your Resilience in SY 2022-23***

Head into a new school year ready to meet the challenges while maintaining your love for your School Nutrition career. “Retain Your Resilience,” a new SN Plus article from the School Nutrition Association, features self-care strategies designed to help you—and your team members—thrive in the year ahead. [Read more](#)




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## School Nutrition Spotlight

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### ***Teaming Up to Help Families with Meal Applications in Union County***

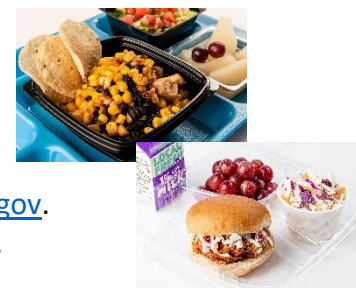
School Nutrition, English as a Second Language (ESL), Communications and Tech Services with Union County Public Schools partnered to serve at the Back 2 School Bash to help families with meal applications. They wanted to make sure all students had an opportunity to apply for school meal benefits this year. This is Team UCPS! [Learn more](#).




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### ***Share your School and Summer Meal Photos***

The NCDPI, School Nutrition Division wants to highlight the appealing, wholesome, quality meals our School and Summer Nutrition Programs across the state offer to students each day. Share your beautiful photos of serving lines and complete school breakfast or school lunch meals with us. Please send those to Tracey Bates, NCDPI School Nutrition Promotion Specialist, at [tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov). Make sure to include the school and district info so we can aim to credit the source.




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### ***Send in Articles for the School Nutrition Update E-letter***

If you have a resource, grant, job opportunity, continuing education event, award announcement, shout out or other news item for the SN Update, please send a brief article (250 words or less) to Tracey Bates,

[tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov), by 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to when the SN Update is sent out the following week. Include “SN Update” in the email subject line.

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## Job Opportunity

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### **Work with Falcon Children’s Home – Food Services Director Position**

Falcon Children's Home & Family Services has an immediate job opening for the Food Services Director/Child Nutrition Coordinator. The Food Services Director assists in developing plans and procedures for carrying out the established philosophy and policies of Falcon Children’s Home & Family Services and the North Carolina Child Nutrition Program. The director also serves as a nutrition education resource, implements promotions and nutrition education as part of the school campus, and provides training for Child Nutrition employees. A high school diploma, minimum of two (2) years food service/supervisor experience, and ServSafe® or N.C. Safe Plates certification are required. Interested applicants should contact Patrick Womack, 910 980-1065, ext. 126.

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## Nutrition Education & Promotion

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### **Celebrate Kids Eat Right Month**

August is Kids Eat Right Month™, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Academy Foundation's annual campaign to highlight the importance of children's healthful eating and active lifestyles. Kids can eat right by choosing school meals! Find [tips, recipes, social media tools and more](#) to celebrate.



### **Share #NCFarmtoSummer Stories!**

We can’t wait to hear about your farm to summer activities. 1) Serving locally grown foods in meals and/or snacks, 2) Teaching or learning about local food, agriculture and/or nutrition, 3) Posting or sharing about farm to summer activities, and 4) Signing up for the [#NCCrunch](#) for Farm to School Month. Complete the [#NCFarmtoSummerChallenge sign-up](#). Use #NCFarmtoSummer and tag @Ray4NCKids and @NCSchoolMeals with your social media posts. Share your #NCFarmtoSummer success story with Tracey Bates, NCDPI School Nutrition Promotion Specialist, [tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov).



### **Turnip the Beet for Summer 2022!**

The Turnip the Beet Award, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. All Summer Meal Programs sponsors in good standing, including Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsors, may be eligible for a Turnip the Beet Award. Sponsors may self-nominate or be nominated by another party. Participation in the #NCFarmtoSummer initiative can help with Turnip the Beet award applications. The Turnip the Beet nomination form must be completed and submitted along with a detailed one-month menu. No more than 5 supporting documents can be submitted. Submit 2022 Turnip the Beet Award applications to NCDPI at



**TURNIP THE BEET**  
with high quality summer meals!

[summernutritionprogram@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:summernutritionprogram@dpi.nc.gov) by 5 pm on September 16. More details and the nomination form are available from the USDA [website](#).

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## Continuing Education

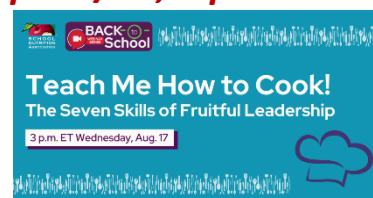
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### ***Meal Talk: Local School Wellness Policies – 8/17, 3 pm ET***

On August 17, 2022 at 3 pm ET, the USDA Team Nutrition staff and guest speakers from South Carolina’s Local Wellness Policy State Technical Assistance Team and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will share how to energize, strengthen, and assess local school wellness policies. Attendees will leave with new ideas for increasing engagement and excitement about school wellness in their communities, including among administrators, teachers, families, students and more. [Learn more and register](#).

### ***Teach me How to Cook! The Seven Skills of Fruitful Leadership – 8/17, 3 pm ET***

Do you desire to be the leader known for producing the tasty results everyone talks about and attempts to replicate? To do this, you must focus on the results you produce and not the title you possess. Leadership is the ability to educate, energize, and empower an individual or group to live a dream. Leadership and cooking are very similar. Everyone has the ability to do it, but it is a skill that must be cultivated. In this interactive School Nutrition Association webinar on August 17 at 3 pm ET, Frank Kitchen will teach you the seven skills needed to create your very own leadership style that produces environments where people and dreams flourish. [Learn more and register](#).



### ***Leveraging Outreach and Promotion: Strategies for Collecting Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications - 8/18, 2 pm ET***

The importance of free and reduced-price meal applications cannot be understated this school year. Join No Kid Hungry on August 18 at 2 pm ET to learn tips and tools to inform families about the application and hear from School Nutrition directors who are using their creativity and connections to reach families. [Learn more and register](#).

### ***Meet the Grantmakers Funding Youth Garden Programs – 8/18, 4 pm ET***

Join this webinar on August 18, 2022 at 4 pm ET to hear from KidsGardening, Whole Kids Foundation, Green Our Planet, Big Green and others – all national youth garden grantmakers – about their upcoming grant opportunities and to hear their thoughts on what makes a strong grant proposal. [Learn more and register](#).

### ***Access Virtual Training Opportunities***

The Institute of 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 (RDs) and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (DTRs), and [continuing professional education resources](#).

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## Questions

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