

# School Nutrition Update

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## Program Operations Information

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### ***Claim 2<sup>nd</sup> Allocation of Supply Chain Assistance Funds – Due 9/26***

Thank you to the School Nutrition administrators who were able to join the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), Office of School Nutrition for the webinar on September 7 to learn how to claim your second allocation of Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) funds. Please be sure that your School Nutrition Program (SNP) Claim Contact reviews the webinar and resources below to understand how to claim the second allocation of SCA funds in the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS). You will need to submit your claim for the SCA funds by Monday, September 26, 2022. See below for the link to the webinar recording and other helpful resources. If you have questions, please reach out to Jessica Barkiewicz, Business Systems Analyst, [jessica.barkiewicz@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:jessica.barkiewicz@dpi.nc.gov).

#### **Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) funds – Second Allocation**

- Webinar Recording Link (9/7/2022): <https://vimeo.com/748843844>
- [PPT pdf SCA webinar for SFAs 9.7.2022.pdf](#)
- [Directions for SFAs SCA claim 2<sup>nd</sup> Allocation.pdf](#)

#### **Other SCA guidance and links:**

- [How to Complete SCA Quarterly Survey SFAs.pdf](#)
- [NCDPI SCA Q&A document.pdf](#)
- Link to Quarterly Reporting of SCA funds:  
[https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7X47uj6AOMml3Ua](https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7X47uj6AOMml3Ua)

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### ***Submit Annual Food Safety Inspection Report – Due 9/30***

The Food Safety Inspection Report is an annual requirement that must be completed by all School Food Authorities (SFAs), except Special Milk Program sponsors. If you did not complete the report during the Annual Agreement process, please complete it by Friday, September 30, 2022. The following steps should be taken by an individual with Application User access:

- Log in to the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS) for the 2022-23 SY.
- Select the Application Tab.
- Select Food Safety Inspections.
- Select Modify for SY 2021-2022.
- Provide the number of Inspections completed at each site. Provide a detailed explanation for any site with fewer than two (2).
- Select Save.

If you have any questions, please contact your Zone Consultants or Jacquelyn McGowan, Compliance Specialist, [jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov).

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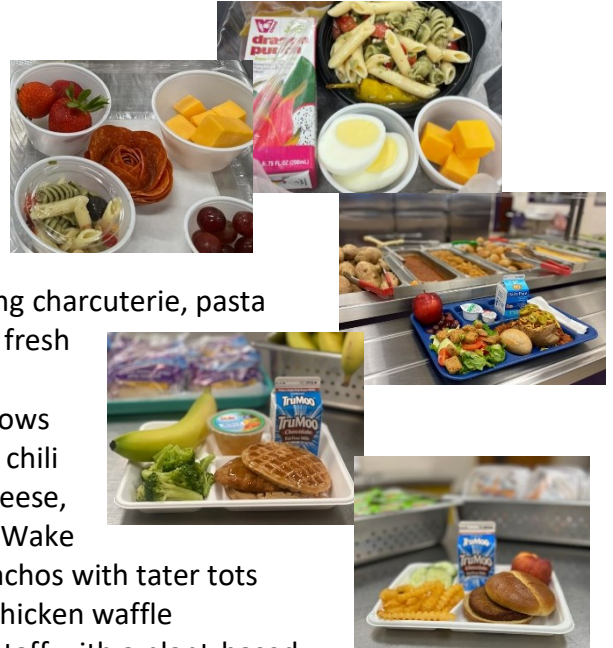
## School Nutrition Spotlight

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## Exploring New Menu Options

Even in the midst of supply chain and staffing issues, North Carolina School Nutrition Programs are going above and beyond to meet the needs of students, by offering new and innovative menu offerings. The photos on social media are mouth-watering and encourage students to try school meals!

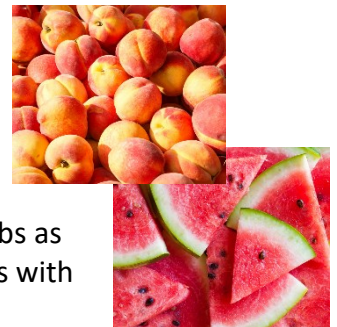
Chatham County Schools is rolling out new protein boxes featuring charcuterie, pasta salad and more. Johnston County Public Schools is offering more fresh produce, vegetarian options, and opportunities for students to customize their meal choice. For example, a baked potato bar allows students to customize their lunch with 100% beef spaghetti style chili or pulled BBQ chicken. Additional toppings included shredded cheese, jalapeños, salsa, black beans, steamed broccoli, and sour cream. Wake County Public Schools featured brunch for lunch with totchos (nachos with tater tots instead of tortilla chips), celebrated National Waffle Week with chicken waffle sandwiches, and added a new meatless option for students and staff with a plant-based burger on a brioche bun. We are hungry for school meals!



## Sourcing Local Produce and Herbs with Brigade Boys & Girls Club for #NCFarmtoSummer

The NCDPI, Office of School Nutrition in conjunction with the Farm to School Coalition of North Carolina is highlighting success stories from the 2022 #NCFarmtoSummer Challenge. Our second success story highlights the Brigade Boys & Girls Club.

The Brigade Boy & Girls Club sourced farm to summer produce (local peaches and watermelon) from Feast Down East to serve as part of summer meals. Peaches were served during N.C. Farm to Summer Week, July 18-22. Watermelon was served during the following week. The fresh, local fruit was a hit with students! They also kicked up the flavor by using local spicy peppers (jalapeno, shishito) and herbs as ingredients in dishes. For a #NCFarmtoSummer activity, staff planted blueberry bushes with students to help educate the children about growing and harvesting blueberries.



Be on the lookout for more success stories in upcoming SN Update issues. Thanks to all who participated in the #NCFarmtoSummer Challenge!

## 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 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. Be on the lookout for photos of school meals from across the state on social media.



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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 Beaufort County Schools – Bookkeeper Position***

The Beaufort County School Nutrition Program is accepting applications for an open Bookkeeper position. This is a 12-month position. A vocational/technical degree in business practices with specific course work in the operation of popular word processing, spreadsheet and file maintenance computer programs, 3 to 5 years of experience in secretarial or clerical work, and some experience in office management and the operation of computers using popular word processing, spreadsheet and file maintenance programs; or an equivalent combination of experience and training, are required. [Learn more and apply](#). For questions, reach out to Joanne Kirven, Director of School Nutrition, [jkirven@beaufort.k12.nc.us](mailto:jkirven@beaufort.k12.nc.us).

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### ***Apply for Voyager Academy Operations Manager Position***

Voyager Academy in Durham is seeking applicants for an open Operations Manager position. The Operations Manager will work closely with the Managing Director and Leadership Team to support the smooth operation of systems and student support programs on campus, including the National School Lunch Program, before and after care, enrichment activities, and summer camps. A bachelor’s degree, at least three (3) years of experience working with school-age children in a school, recreation program, or related field, and technology, budgeting, and presentation skills are required. Voyager Academy is looking for a creative, collaborative team-oriented manager with leadership skills, strong interpersonal skills, and a willingness to collaborate with team members. [Learn more and apply](#). For questions, reach out to Ellie Schollmeyer, Managing Director, [eschollmeyer@voyageracademy.net](mailto:eschollmeyer@voyageracademy.net).

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## **Farm to School/Summer**

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### ***Celebrate World School Milk Day – 9/28***

The Dairy Alliance has resources to help North Carolina schools celebrate the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual World School Milk Day (WSMD) on September 28! WSMD was created in 2000 to focus attention on the health benefits of school milk. Our dairy farmers are committed to helping schools educate students about important nutrients they consume with each serving of school milk and learning where this milk comes from. We want to help your students be MOOved to drink more milk. Check out these ideas that are perfect for sharing:

- **FREE online school resources at [The Dairy Alliance](#)**
  - [Meet Dairy Farmers in Your State](#)
  - [North Carolina Dairy Facts](#)

- **Enjoy World School Milk Day with Everyone**
  - Share The Dairy Alliance resources with classroom teachers, PE teachers, and school nurses as teaching tools on the health benefits of milk.
  - Try a new school-approved dairy recipe from The National Dairy Council at [NDC School Recipes](#).
- **Share Your Celebration Photos for a Chance to Win Dairy Swag!**
  - Share and tag The Dairy Alliance in pictures and activities featuring dairy during World School Milk Day (Facebook/Instagram [@thedairyalliance](#) / Twitter [@dairy\\_alliance](#)) **AND** include **#DairyInSchools** for a chance to WIN Dairy Swag!

Thank you for all you do for our students in North Carolina. With your support and encouragement, we know that more students will be MOOved to consume dairy and milk!

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## **Sign Up for the 2022 #NCCrunch!**

Help us reach all 100 counties and at least 500,000 participants for the 2022 #NCCrunch! Registration for the 2022 North Carolina Crunch is live. [Sign up now](#) for the #NCCrunch to receive a free guide with tips, templates, and links to resources so that you are ready to crunch.

The N.C. Crunch, co-hosted by the Farm to School Coalition of North Carolina and N.C. Farm to Preschool Network, is designed to celebrate agriculture, nutrition, and farm to school. Annual N.C. Crunch events offer kids and adults an opportunity to taste and learn about locally grown North Carolina produce with their schools, early care, and education (ECE) centers, community organizations, and/or families.

Farm to School/Farm to Early Care and Education Month also offers an opportunity to recognize the importance of farm to school/early care and education and honor all those who contribute to feeding our kids and communities – from farmers, farm workers, and food hub distributors, to school and early care nutrition professionals, educators, garden coordinators, bus drivers and transportation professionals.

This year’s N.C. Crunch is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2022, but you can plan to participate any time during October that works for you in celebration of Farm to School and Early Care and Education Month. Plan now for produce orders and educational activities and reach out to local partners who can help. Utilize this opportunity to recognize and thank our agriculture, education, and school and early care and education nutrition heroes who make farm to school activities happen.




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## **Continuing Education**

### **Grow & Preserve Food using NGSS/STEAM – 9/21, 2 pm ET**

As part of the Growing School Gardens Summit Webinar Series, join Hope Sickmeier of Southern Boone County Elementary in Ashland, MO to learn how schools teach Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and preserve food in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Hope will share ideas on how to use STEAM in the garden to enhance student learning (gardening by the square foot and garden design, creating a pollinator garden, designing, and demonstrating methods of seed dispersal). You will also learn how to use garden produce to create fundraising ideas and incorporate economic lessons. This

webinar will offer easy recipes for food preservation of produce. Recipes include refrigerator pickles, herbal salts, dehydrated apple chips, sun-dried tomatoes, and apple cider vinegar. [Learn more and register](#).

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### ***Developing Easy-to-Execute Nutritious and Delicious Menus – 9/21, 3 pm ET***

Join the national School Nutrition Association and a panel of School Nutrition chefs and professionals to hear their best practices for developing school menus and recipes, as well as tips and tricks the chefs have used to still provide great meals to students while dealing with labor and supply shortages. [Learn more and register](#).

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### ***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 (RDNs) and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (DTRs), and [continuing professional education resources](#).

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## **Questions**

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