

School Nutrition Update

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Program Operations Information

Submit Quarterly Survey: Supply Chain Assistance Funds – Due 10/10

Please use this [Qualtrics Reporting Link](#) to submit your quarterly Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) reports. Thank you in advance for your July – September submissions. Your quarterly responses will assist the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), Office of School Nutrition to accurately report to partners about the use of SCA funds in North Carolina. You only need one (1) staff member to complete the report each quarter. The report should take no longer than five (5) minutes to complete if you have the necessary information readily available. This report is to monitor both the SCA funds 1st Allocation (issued in spring 2022) and 2nd Allocation (issued in fall 2022).

Once you have reported that all your allocated SCA funds have been expended, you no longer need to submit quarterly reports. For example, if you used all SCA funds by September 2022, you would only need to submit two quarterly reports (July 10th and October 10th).

The reporting dates are as follows:

July 10th, 2022 (1st report to submit)	Reporting on April through June 2022 SCA funds expended
October 10 th , 2022	Reporting on July through September 2022 SCA funds expended
January 10 th , 2022	Reporting on October through December 2022 SCA funds expended
April 10 th , 2023	Reporting on January through March 2023 SCA funds expended
July 10 th , 2023	Reporting on April through June 2023 SCA funds expended
October 10 th , 2023	Reporting on July through September 2023 SCA funds expended

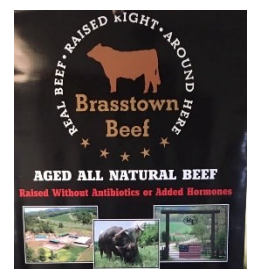
If you have questions, please reach out to Jessica Barkiewicz, Business Systems Analyst, jessica.barkiewicz@dpi.nc.gov.

School Nutrition Spotlight

Serving Up Local Beef in Buncombe County 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 third success story highlights Buncombe County Schools.

The Buncombe County School Nutrition Programs participated in the #NCFarmtoSummer Challenge by sharing nutrition education posts on social media and serving locally raised beef, from Brasstown Beef located in Franklin, each week during their Summer Feeding Program. This was not at a single school but countywide for all the schools that were doing summer meals. Did you know that BCS Nutrition Department Director Lisa Payne received the Services (NCDA&CS) Best Practice Award for bringing “farm to school”



practices to BCS students and staff? The award recognized Ms. Payne’s successful efforts to partner with Franklin-based Brasstown Beef as a fresh, local meat supplier for Buncombe County Schools. Buncombe County Schools plans to participate in the #NCCrunch in October. Buncombe County Schools support #NCFarmtoSummer and #NCFarmtoSchool!

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

Recognizing Dedicated Service – Henderson County

Staff members of the Henderson County Public Schools (HCPS) Child Nutrition Department were recently recognized for their years of dedicated service. School meals and the School Nutrition professionals who prepare and serve them each day truly make a difference. We are so appreciative for all you do daily to nourish students’ bodies, minds and souls!

How does your School Food Authority recognize staff for years of service and other achievements? Please share with the NCDPI, Office of School Nutrition so that we can help lift up our #NCSchoolNutritionHeroes across the state.



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. 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.



Buncombe County Schools

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, 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.

Job Opportunity

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.

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.

Nutrition Education/Promotion

Celebrate Peace, Love and School Lunch with #NSLW2022 – 10/10-14

Did you know October 10-14 is officially National School Lunch Week? The #NSBW2022 theme is “Peace, Love and School Lunch”. We love school lunch!



National School Lunch Week (NSLW) helps promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child’s life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom. During NSLW, School Nutrition professionals, school staff and students will find ways to celebrate with their schools and districts through special menus, events, activities and more. The 2022 NSLW theme will allow schools to have fun, be creative and share love for school meals and their local School Nutrition Programs.

For free #NSLW artwork, social media graphics, a promotional toolkit and more, visit www.schoolnutrition.org. We want to lift up our essential School Nutrition professionals during #NSLW2022 and all month for their amazing, dedicated efforts to provide appealing, nutritious school meals every day. Tag @NCSchoolMeals with your #NSLW posts on social media.

Reach All 100 Counties with 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.

Continuing Education

Fueling Learning: SNAP Outreach and Enrollment in Schools – 9/27, 2 pm ET

Conducting Supplemental Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach and enrollment in schools provides families with the food they need, students with free school meals, and schools with additional revenue. As pandemic waivers go away, ensuring eligible families in your school community receive SNAP is an important strategy to increase access to free school meals. This No Kid Hungry webinar on September 27 at 2 pm ET will highlight strategies, messaging, and resources to help you start doing SNAP outreach in school settings. San Diego Hunger Coalition, Sweetwater Union High School District, and SBCS (formerly South Bay Community Services) will share their partnership to boost SNAP enrollment and increase the number of schools qualifying for the Community Eligibility Provision. [Learn more and register.](#)

Participate In White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health – 9/28

On September 28, 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration will host the historic White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health — and an updated agenda is now available online. The White House welcomes everyone to watch the Conference live, join the online conversation, and submit questions to be considered by using #WHConfHungerHealth on Twitter.



The Conference will bring together Americans from all walks of life to help accelerate progress to end hunger, improve nutrition and physical activity, and reduce disparities. Together, we can build a healthier and more equitable future for our nation. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Watch the Conference live — and learn about the soon-to-be released National Strategy for ending hunger and reducing diet-related diseases and disparities.
- Find or host a satellite event like a watch party, town hall, panel discussion, day of service, or fun run. Convene or join an event in your community.
- Share ideas and stories on hunger or diet-related diseases. The White House wants to hear about your experiences and your solutions for change.

Find conference details, share stories, register to view the conference, and more [online](#).

Serve Peanut Butter Safely at Your Schools – 9/28, 3 pm ET

Peanuts are one of the top nine (9) commonly allergenic foods in the United States. Schools can manage food allergies in a variety of ways and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends

using a comprehensive plan to manage all food allergies, including peanuts. While experts do not recommend using food bans to manage food allergies and most schools serve peanut foods successfully across the country, when schools do implement bans, peanuts are the most commonly banned food. Join the national School Nutrition Association and National Peanut Board to learn strategies to safely serve peanut butter in your school. [Learn more and register.](#)

Adding Afterschool Meals to Your Back-to-School Plans – 9/30, 1:30 pm ET

After a long day of learning, kids need an extra boost to fuel their day. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-risk Afterschool Meals Program provides nutritious meals and snacks after the school day ends, on weekends, and over holiday breaks. Schools and community sites can take advantage of the program to bring nutritious meals to their community. In this No Kid Hungry webinar on September 30 at 1:30 pm ET, you will hear from three expert nutrition professionals who will share their experiences and provide tips and strategies for those just starting their afterschool meals journey. Join us to learn how adding Afterschool Meals to your back-to-school plans can make this school year the best one yet! [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 (RDNs) and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (DTRs), and [continuing professional education resources](#).

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