

School Nutrition Update

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Program Operations Information

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

Students have been excitedly looking forward to seeing their friends again and learning new things. Families have been busy with back-to-school preparations. Teachers have spent weeks planning lessons and getting their classrooms ready. For us, as School Nutrition professionals, we have been busy planning and implementing Back-to-School workshops, preparing our teams, and planning for those first exciting days when the students return to our school cafés.

This year feels particularly special after a tumultuous couple of years. We know there will continue to be challenges; however, we face these challenges together. Our number one priority is ensuring our students have appealing, nutritious, and affordable meals served in a caring environment that reflects optimal program integrity.

We know excellence does not just happen. So, as we embark upon the 2023-24 school year, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), Office of School Nutrition wants to thank you for your work to ensure North Carolina's students can learn and succeed in an ever-changing world. We look forward to working with you toward a productive and successful school year!



Job Opportunity

Work with the NCDPI, Office of School Nutrition – Nutrition Consultant Openings – Deadline 8/25

The NCDPI, Office of School Nutrition is recruiting applicants for three open Nutrition Consultant positions. The positions are regionally-based and cover specific geographic areas. A Nutrition Consultant serves in a professional, consultative, and auditing capacity, ensuring School Food Authorities (SFAs) are informed of and comply with all policies, procedures, and laws applicable to the federally-assisted and state-administered School Nutrition Programs. Applications are due August 25. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Questions

If you have any questions regarding these updates, please reach out to your [regional consultants](#).

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