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"Apples and Spinach and Regulations, Oh My"



Second Annual School Nutrition Programs

June Conference

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June 10, 2014

Dear Conference Participant,

Apples and Spinach and Regulations – Oh My! On behalf of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), welcome to the second annual School Nutrition Programs conference for Michigan’s School Food Service Directors/Professionals.

The MDE School Nutrition Programs (SNP) team is committed to the success of child nutrition programs through training, support, and leadership by fostering partnerships to ensure the nutritional well-being of all students in Michigan. MDE is fortunate to work with committed partners such as: No Kid Hungry; the United Way for Southeastern Michigan; United Dairy Industry of Michigan; and all School Food Authorities (SFAs) of Michigan focused on feeding children nutritious meals throughout the school year and in the summer months.

Research shows a direct relationship between good nutrition and learning. Together, we are about providing meals to develop healthy, happy students who are ready to learn.

Don’t forget about school breakfast. It provides a quarter of a child’s daily nutrition needs and research shows breakfast provides fuel for school and boosts brain power.

The recent years have been full of exciting opportunities for all who work to meet regulatory changes that directly affect student nutrition programs. Your participation at the conference is greatly appreciated, and I wish you increased success in the school year ahead.

Sincerely,

Mike Flanagan
State Superintendent

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TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

7:30 am—4:30 pm	Registration (Outside of Banquet Rooms, first floor)
7:30 am—12:00 pm	Coffee Service (Inside of Banquet Rooms, first floor)
8:00 am—12:00 pm	SNS Credentialing Exam—School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) (Room 101, first floor) Proctored by June Bailey and Robin Scheffler, Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
10:00 am—11:15 am	Opening Remarks and Introductions—Howard Leikert and Marla Moss, MDE (Banquet Rooms, first floor) Carol Phillips, General Session Guest Speaker Getting Your Message Heard/Enhancing Participation in School Meals (Banquet Rooms, first floor)
11:30 am—12:00 pm	Welcome from State Superintendent, Mike Flanagan, MDE (Banquet Rooms, first floor) Introduction by Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Support Services, MDE
12:00 pm—1:00 pm	Lunch Buffet Banquet Rooms, first floor
1:00 pm—2:00 pm	After School Suppers/Snack: Kansas or Oz Learn the Differences in CACFP and NSLP Programs (Room 202, second floor) Michelle Groothuis and Sara Harmon, MDE
	Components & Items & Choices—Oh My! Offer vs. Serve Overview (Room 201, second floor) Linda Stull, MDE
	Direct Certification for Non-Public Schools. You've Always Had the Power. (Room 203, second floor) Lisa Brown Taylor and Joel Thiele, MDE
	Farm to School and Aeroponic Gardening (Room 204, second floor) Learn what's new with Farm to School in Michigan in this session. From classroom tools to funding programs and statewide initiatives, you'll discover new ways to help ramp up your Farm to School efforts, whether you're just getting started or have years of experience. Rebecca Henne, Colleen Matts, and Julia Smith, Michigan State University
2:00 pm—2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm—3:15 pm	Lunch Meal Pattern—We're Not in Kansas Anymore (Room 201, second floor) Linda Stull, MDE
	Without Breakfast, You're Toast! (Room 202, second floor) Emily Purves and Whitney Vance, MDE
	Verification: It's a Twister! It's a Twister! (Room 203, second floor) Lisa Brown Taylor, MDE
	There's No Place Like a Smarter Lunchroom to Increase Participation (Room 204, second floor) Nick Drzal, MDE
	I'm Not a Witch At All! I'm Dorothy Gale from Kansas. (Governor's Room, second floor) Frequent Administrative Review Findings and Best Practices, Too Melanie Brummeler and Stephanie Willingham, MDE
3:15 pm—3:30 pm	Beverage Break (Inside of Banquet Rooms)
3:30 pm—4:30 pm	General Session—Everything You Want to Know About School Nutrition / SNP Panel (Banquet Rooms, first floor) Bill Baldry, Adrienne Davenport, Nick Drzal, Howard Leikert, Robin Scheffler, Linda Stull, Lisa Brown Taylor, Bryan Van Dorn, Stephanie Willingham, MDE
	Dinner—On your own

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

7:00 am—8:00 am	Continental Breakfast (Inside of Banquet Rooms)
7:00 am—10:00 am	Coffee Service (Inside of Banquet Rooms)
7:30 am—4:00 pm	Registration (Outside of Banquet Rooms)
8:00 am—8:10 am	Welcome Back (Banquet Rooms, first floor) Howard Leikert and Marla Moss, MDE
8:10 am—9:30 am	Samia Hamdan—General Session Guest Speaker, USDA Regional Office, Chicago (Banquet Rooms, first floor) What's New from USDA; Local Wellness Policy; Professional Standards
9:30 am—9:45 am	Beverage Break (Inside of Banquet Rooms)
9:45 am—10:45 am	Lunch Prices in the Land of Oz—You Don't Need to Be a Wizard, but Learning All The Factors Needed to Complete the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Can Be a Challenge (Room 204, second floor) Howard Leikert, MDE
	The New Breakfast Meal Pattern—A Horse of a Different Color (Room 201, second floor) Linda Stull, MDE
	No Kid Hungry: Resources & School Calculator (Room 203, second floor) Sara Gold, United Way for Southeastern Michigan and Bryan Van Dorn, MDE
	You're In the Fiscal Office for the Land of Oz—School Meals Report (Room 205, second floor) Patrick Conlen and Peggy Fletcher, MDE
10:45 am—11:00 am	Break
11:00 am—12:00 pm	I'm Not a Witch At All! I'm Dorothy Gale from Kansas. (Governor's Room, second floor) Frequent Administrative Review Findings and Best Practices, Too Melanie Brummeler and Stephanie Willingham, MDE
	There's No Place Like MIPlate—Tips on Increasing Participation (Room 203, second floor) Follow us as we travel the yellow brick road to explore a few magic ideas on how to get our munchkins to munch more lunch (and breakfast!). We'll start at KANSAS and enjoy an adventure that raises the school meal plate (and participation) to a place that's somewhere over the rainbow. Join us for an uplifting journey as we discover that it takes more heart than courage to help fuel the brains of our little people. Soon, our Michigan children will be clicking their heels together and saying, "There's no place like lunch!" Doreen Simonds, Waterford Schools
	You're In the Fiscal Office for the Land of Oz—School Meals Report (Room 205, second floor) Patrick Conlen and Peggy Fletcher, MDE
	Properly Feeding Our Little Munchkins Using Production Records (Room 204, second floor) Robin Scheffler, MDE
12:00 pm—1:00 pm	Lunch (Banquet Rooms, first floor)
1:00 pm—2:00 pm	Grains—Finding Answers Over the Rainbow (Room 201, second floor) Linda Stull, MDE
	Resource Management—Managing Lions & Tigers & Bears—Oh My! (Room 203, second floor) Bill Baldry, MDE
	Additional breakout sessions for this scheduled time are provided on the top of page 5.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

1:00 pm—2:00 pm (Continued)	Food Allergies—What would Auntie Em do? (Governor’s Room, second floor) We’re not in Kansas anymore. Food allergies have changed the way we do business. In this session, we’ll discuss what food allergies are, why they are so dangerous, what is known about food allergies today, and provide practical tips for keeping kids safe. We’ll also discuss the new Michigan Epi-Pen Law and how it may affect you. Diane Golzynski, MDE
	How to Stay on the Yellow Brick Road to Meal Pattern and Menu Planning Compliance (Room 204, second floor) Dot Anderson and Michelle Groothuis, MDE
2:00 pm—2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm—4:00 pm	Scott Deming—General Session Guest Speaker (Banquet Rooms, first floor) Marketing to Increase Participation in School Meals
	Dinner—On your own

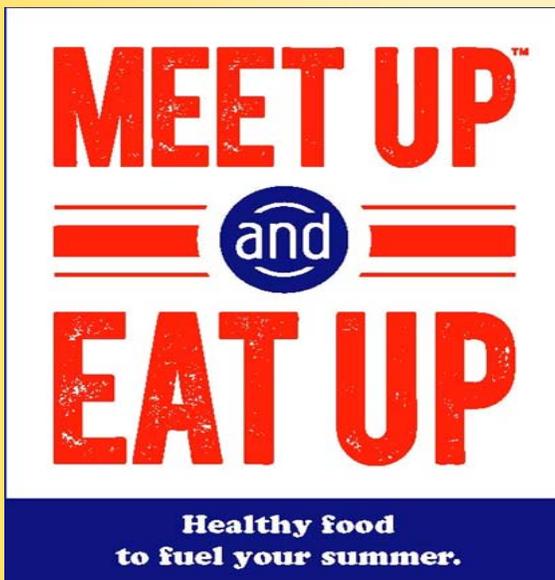


THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014

Special Thanks to the
United Dairy Industry of
Michigan for Breakfast!



7:00 am—8:00 am	Yogurt Parfait Breakfast— a BIG “Thank You” to UDIM! (Inside of Banquet Rooms)
7:30 am—8:00 am	Registration (Outside of Banquet Rooms)
8:00 am—9:30 am	General Session Guest Speaker—Samia Hamdan, USDA Regional Office, Chicago Smart Snacks / School Fundraisers Banquet Rooms, first floor
9:30 am—11:15 am	Smart Snacks Vendor Fair / Demonstration Exhibit Hall B, first floor
11:30 am—12:30 pm	Welcome to OZ—Conference Closing Session Appreciation Citations Banquet Rooms, first floor



FEATURED SPEAKERS

Carol Phillips, MS Organizational Psychology; Partner, Brand Amplitude; Instructor, University of Notre Dame



Carol Phillips began her career as a market researcher and strategic planner at Leo Burnett and was an account director at Y&R, Leo Burnett, Mullen and JWT. In addition to agency roles, she was director of marketing communications at Whirlpool, where she led the development of the company's first fully integrated multi-discipline communications program. Ms. Phillips has been an instructor in the undergraduate business and MBA programs at the University of Notre Dame since 2003. She earned a masters in organizational psychology from Michigan State University, and is a graduate of Florida Southern College.

Last year, Ms. Phillips and Judy Hopelain self-published a brand strategy and management textbook on lulu.com called *The Brand Strategy Toolkit*. It contains many of the tools and frameworks they use in their client work.

Samia Hamdan, MPH, RD

Samia Hamdan is currently a nutritionist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Agency. For the past eight years, she has provided training and guidance on USDA school meal programs and nutrition initiatives, such as the HealthierUS School Challenge and Team Nutrition. She previously worked as a research associate at the School Nutrition Association in Alexandria, Virginia, where she assessed issues impacting school food service on a national level. She is a registered dietitian and completed a masters degree in public health nutrition from the University of Minnesota.



Scott Deming - Marketing, Branding, and Customer Experience



Scott Deming draws on over thirty years of real, in the trenches, corporate life. His business acumen is broad and deep because of his many board positions, corporate and non-profit start-ups, and national marketing and sales programs. And now, after years of taking care of business in the board rooms and conference rooms with CEOs, COOs, CFOs, management, and staff, he takes his depth and breadth of experience and packages it into one of the most dynamic programs ever. Scott sends his attendees away not only excited to make a change, but armed with the tools to do so. As one national publication wrote: "Scott Deming's customer experience process is more like the ten moral principles for great business practice and success!"

SPEAKERS

Dot Anderson, Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education (MDE)

Dot earned a bachelor of arts degree in applied science from Sienna Heights University and has worked for MDE for over 16 years. In her current position, she provides technical assistance for the 6 Cent certification applications and assists with the meal component portion of the administrative reviews. Dot is a nutrient analysis specialist. Dot will celebrate her 45th wedding anniversary in November; she has three children and seven grandchildren.

Bill Baldry, Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Financial Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Bill has a bachelor of applied science in accountancy degree and associate degrees in information management and human resource management. He also earned his license as a CPA, has 14 years of accounting experience, and worked as a CPA for approximately five years. Bill has worked in the private industry, the non-profit sector, and in public accounting. He joined the School Nutrition Programs unit in the fall of 2013 after working for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Melanie Brummeler, MA, RDN, SNS, Compliance Manager, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Melanie is a registered dietitian and alumni of both Michigan State University and Western Michigan University and has been with MDE's School Nutrition Programs (SNP) unit for almost 11 years. Currently, she works as a compliance manager in SNP coordinating reviews of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program. She was recently selected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Midwest Regional Office to participate on the School Meals Administrative Review Reinvention Team (SMARRT) to develop the new Administrative Review.

Patrick Conlen, Supervisor, Fiscal and Administrative Services, Michigan Department of Education

Patrick has a bachelors degree from Michigan State University and has been with MDE for over three years.

Adrienne Davenport, MPH, RDN, Consultant, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Adrienne joined the School Nutrition Programs team in 2011 as an analyst. Since then, she has gained experience with the workings of the National School Lunch Program, Summer Food Service Program, training, food safety, and grant proposal writing. Before her MDE experience, she worked for five years in the nutrition communications arena for clients, including the National Dairy Council, Hass Avocado Board, and Kellogg's. Adrienne earned her masters of public health degree from the University of Michigan and became a dietitian/nutritionist after completing her dietetic internship at the Hines Veterans Administration Hospital just outside of Chicago.

Nick Drzal, MPH, RD, Education Consultant Manager, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Nick has been a Michigan Team Nutrition (MTN) team member for 11 years. For the past five years, he has directed all MTN grants. He has also provided leadership for the USDA Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Card Grants. Additionally, he was instrumental in the development of the Michigan State Board of Education Nutrition Standards. Prior to MDE, Nick worked as a county public health nutritionist where he coordinated community-wide efforts to increase healthy eating and physical activity.

Peggy Fletcher, Financial Analyst, Fiscal and Administrative Services, Michigan Department of Education

Peggy has worked for the State of Michigan for 26 years and has been with MDE for the past four years, working with the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sara Gold, MSW, United Way for Southeastern Michigan

Sara, a native metro-Detroiter, serves as the director of Michigan No Kid Hungry, a partnership of the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, the national non-profit Share Our Strength, and the State of Michigan. Michigan No Kid Hungry is a statewide, public/private partnership working to eliminate child hunger in Michigan, with a focus on ensuring that all children have nutritious food at home, at school, and in their communities. Sara serves as the liaison between project partners and facilitates the strategic planning and implementation process for Michigan No Kid Hungry. Prior to holding this position, Sara worked for USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in the Office of Strategic Initiatives, Partnerships, and Outreach. Sara's professional and academic career has focused on domestic social policy and programs to help those experiencing poverty, with an emphasis on childhood food insecurity and access to healthy food.

Diane Golzynski, PhD, RDN, Consultant, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Diane joined MDE and the Michigan Team Nutrition team in 2012. She has experience in food service management and food safety regulations, developing and conducting training programs, monitoring/evaluating programs, and providing technical assistance to improve the quality and efficiency of food service and other nutrition programs. Prior to MDE, Diane worked as the Michigan fruit and vegetable nutrition coordinator for the Michigan Department of Community Health, focusing on food policy and access to Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables.

SPEAKERS

Michelle Groothuis, SNS, Departmental Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Michelle received her bachelor of science degree in nutritional sciences from Michigan State University. Michelle has been an analyst with the MDE School Nutrition Programs unit for ten years.

Sara Harmon, RDN, Departmental Analyst, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Michigan Department of Education

Sara has been working as a program analyst with CACFP for three years. She also works as a dietitian in the clinical and community settings.

Becky Henne, Extension Educator, Health & Nutrition Institute and Greening Michigan Institute, Michigan State University Extension

Becky is an extension educator in the Health & Nutrition Institute, Nutrition and Physical Activity, and the Greening Michigan Institute, Community Food Systems at Michigan State University Extension. She earned a masters degree in human development and family studies, community services from Michigan State University, and owns a sheep farm in Eaton County.

Howard Leikert, MBA, SNS, Supervisor, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

After graduating from Michigan State University with a bachelor of business degree from the School of Hotel Restaurant and Institutional Management, Howard worked in the private sector with a food service management company. He began his professional career as a school food service assistant manager and became a regional vice president for a major food service management company responsible for more than 130 school districts in two states. Howard then went on to join a company providing business and industry cafeteria services for approximately 50 different companies as vice president. He has worked at MDE for five years. Howard earned a masters degree in business administration from Robert Morris University.

Colleen Matts, Farm to Institution Specialist, Michigan State University (MSU) Center for Regional Food Systems

Colleen is a Farm to Institution specialist with the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems. She works throughout Michigan to cultivate local food purchasing programs at institutions and serves as the Michigan State Lead for the National Farm to School Network. She has a masters of science degree in agriculture, food, and environment from the Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, and is currently pursuing a culinary arts certificate.

Marla J. Moss, MS, RDN, Assistant Director, Office of School Support Services, Michigan Department of Education

Marla serves as the State Child Nutrition Director for Michigan. She has worked at MDE since 2000, beginning her career in the Food Distribution Unit serving as the supervisor for the unit from 2001 until 2006. She then transferred to the supervisory position in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. In 2010, Marla was promoted to Assistant Director, with oversight for all Child Nutrition Programs. Previously, Marla worked as a registered dietitian in the health care field.

Emily Purves, RDN, Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Emily has a bachelor of science in dietetics from Michigan State University. She worked as an inpatient clinical dietitian in adult and pediatric nutrition at St. John Providence Health System for three years. She has been with School Nutrition Programs for less than one year, sharing her time between compliance and Team Nutrition projects.

Robin Scheffler, SNS, FMP, CND, Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Robin is a child nutrition professional with 22 years of experience as a school food service director, and she is currently an analyst with the School Nutrition Programs unit. Robin earned her bachelor of arts degree in hotel restaurant and institutional management from Michigan State University. Robin is certified through the Michigan School Business Officials as a child nutrition director, is a school nutrition specialist through the School Nutrition Association (SNA), and holds the food management professional designation from the National Restaurant Association's Educational Foundation.

Doreen Simonds, Food Service Director, Waterford School District

Doreen is the food service director for Waterford School District and has been with Waterford School District food service for 28 years. She is the current president for the Oakland County Chapter of SNA and is an active state team member for Michigan Action for Healthy Kids. Doreen championed the Team Nutrition, HealthierUS School Challenge, Fuel Up to Play 60, and Farm to School initiatives in her district. Doreen has a passion for food, fun, and most of all, for kids.

Julia Smith, Farm to School Specialist, Michigan State University (MSU) Center for Regional Food Systems

Julia is a Farm to School specialist for the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems. Her work involves Farm to School outreach in Michigan and national collaboration in support of Farm to Pre-K initiatives. With a background in education, she has taught in both high school and pre-school settings. She received a doctor of physiology degree in child development from Michigan State University.

SPEAKERS

Linda Stull, MS, RDN, SNS, Consultant, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Linda has been with MDE for over 14 years. In her current position, she provides technical assistance in all aspects of the National School Lunch Program, including the breakfast program, snack program, and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Linda has developed curriculum and training programs, including New Program Workshops for New Directors and Food Safety and HACCP Workshops. She has also been involved in the development of E-Learning courses and several webcasts. Her previous experience includes having worked as a clinical dietitian in cardiac and intensive care units of a hospital and as a nutrition services consultant for a long-term health care organization. Linda also has extensive food service operation experience. Working as a quality assurance manager and manager of standards and training, Linda conducted sanitation training for a large corporation, monitored food production, and researched and developed special meal menus for several domestic airlines. As a team leader in the implementation of total cycle time reduction, labor analysis, and job consolidation projects, she participated in strategic planning for re-engineering at several large in-flight production kitchens.

Lisa Brown Taylor, MS, RDN, Consultant, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Lisa has been at MDE working with the School Nutrition Programs focusing on compliance, direct certification, verification, and the Special Milk Programs for five years. Prior to working for MDE, she had a 12-year career as a nutrition/food management consultant for the Michigan Department of Community Health Licensing and Certification/Complaint Investigation Unit for Long-Term Care. Her career began at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, as a dietitian research associate for a National Institutes of Health childhood obesity study and a National Institute of Dental Research childhood dental diet study.

Joel Thiele, Data Collection Analyst, Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI), Michigan Department of Education

Joel joined the Data Collection Team at CEPI in 2011 and is the business lead for certain areas of the Michigan Student Data System, including the Direct Certification process. Prior to working for the State of Michigan, Joel served five years at the Genesee Intermediate School District supporting the county-wide student information system used by 20 school districts.

Whitney Vance, MS, RD, Consultant, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Whitney is a nutrition education consultant in the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit at MDE. She is a registered dietitian, has a bachelors degree in human nutrition from the University of Michigan, and possesses a masters degree in clinical nutrition from New York University. In her previous positions, Whitney has focused on worksite wellness, diabetes education, and maternal and infant health. In her current role, she works to improve the health and educational outcomes of Michigan students through Coordinated School Health initiatives. She is especially active in Michigan Team Nutrition and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant titled, *State Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors, and Promote School Health*.

Bryan Van Dorn, MPA, Consultant, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Bryan has a masters degree in public administration from Eastern Michigan University. He has been with MDE since 2010, where he began working in the School Nutrition Programs unit as an analyst conducting administrative reviews of school lunch and summer feeding programs. Bryan is now a consultant with SNP, and his work is centered on the Summer Food Service Program, conducting outreach to current and prospective sponsors, as well as training and technical assistance to the various partners involved in summer feeding. He also works closely with school districts who have implemented the Community Eligibility Option (CEO) for qualifying schools to provide free meals to their students regardless of a family's financial situation. Bryan's previous work included at-risk youth programs in the Detroit and Lansing areas and ensuring quality services be provided in underserved areas.

Stephanie Willingham, MPA, Departmental Manager, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education

Stephanie has worked at MDE for the past three years. Currently, she works as a compliance manager in SNP coordinating reviews of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program. Prior to joining the team at MDE, Stephanie worked for a non-profit that worked to increase awareness and participation in federal programs, such as the Supplemental Food Assistance Program, School Meals, the Summer Food Service Program, and WIC.



The entire School Nutrition Programs staff welcomes you to our 2nd Annual School Nutrition Programs June Conference. We appreciate all of your work, dedication, and cooperation in helping to feed our students healthy meals.

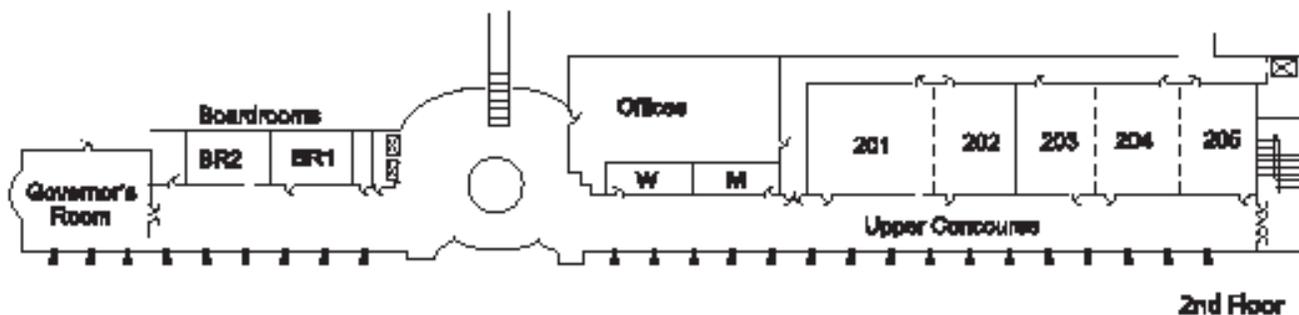
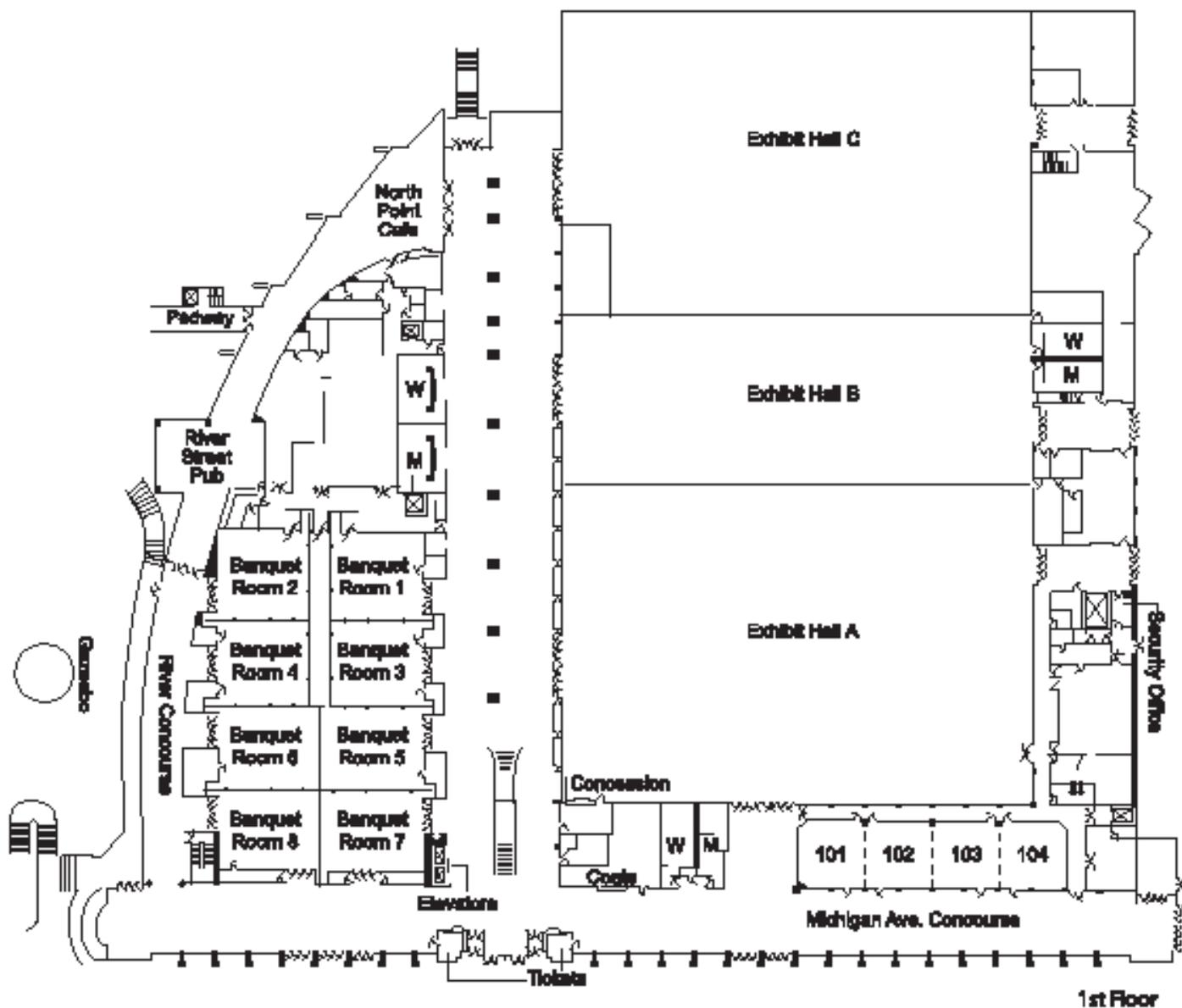


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School Nutrition Association (SNA) (National) Certification

Why Should You Become Certified?

Becoming SNA certified adds credibility to your position and to your school's program. It is also a factor in attracting people to careers in school food service and nutrition.

- Increase your knowledge and skills of food safety and nutrition to create a healthy school environment.
 - Enhance your professional image with parents, children, and school administrators.
 - Stay current on issues concerning school nutrition initiatives.
 - Demonstrate commitment to your profession.
- Provide a career ladder you can use to advance in the field from assistant, to cook, to manager, to director.

SNA's Certification Program is recognized as a leader in the child nutrition industry. SNA is dedicated to:

- Developing and encouraging the highest standards in school nutrition programs.
- Providing educational opportunities to ensure the professional development of certified professionals.
 - Encouraging life-long learning.

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