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I enjoyed the SNAM conference a couple weeks ago, I still learn "stuff" going to these conferences (even our MDE conference!). I encourage all of you to attend these great learning/networking opportunities. The News....here is the latest:

- 1) Procurement Standards and Resource Management Requirements related to Franchise Agreements – See [USDA MEMO](#)<sup>i</sup> detailing the procurement standards as they relate to working with franchises. Please review if applicable to your operation.
- 2) Paid Lunch Equity – Attached is the tool for the 2016-2017 school year. Note that this tool will need to be completed prior to the 2017 school year. See [USDA Paid Lunch Equity Memo](#)<sup>ii</sup> The memorandum provides guidance on the calculations School Food Authorities (SFAs) must make in order to ensure they are in compliance with these requirements for School Year (SY) 2016-17.
- 3) Open Position with MDE - The Michigan Department of Education has posted a School District Consultant 12/P13 position, Office of School Support Services, on the State of Michigan posting site. This permanent full-time position is located in Lansing and is open to all applicants. This position requires a Master's Degree. Come join the fun with School Nutrition Programs! Posting expires November 23, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.
- 4) Tuesday at 2 – Our next Tuesday at 2 Conference Call is scheduled for December 1, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The topic will be School Food Authority-Verification Collection Report (SFA-VCR) and will last approximately 30-45 minutes. Registration will close 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2015. With your registration you will be sent the call in telephone number and access code.

Short list this week. Have a Great Thanksgiving next week!

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<sup>i</sup> [http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP03\\_CACFP03\\_SFSP03-2016os.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP03_CACFP03_SFSP03-2016os.pdf)

<sup>ii</sup> <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP09-2016os.pdf>