

School Nutrition News From MDE

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The information in this document helps support Goal 4, Strategy 4.1, of [MDE's Top 10 in 10 Initiative](#)ⁱ by helping to ensure students receive important nutritional resources to help them learn and grow.

Thank You

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has been hearing such inspirational stories throughout the state of districts using Emergency Closure Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or other means to provide nutritious meals to children and families during our recent weather emergencies. Thank you to all who have participated and continue to support kids in Michigan.

Team Nutrition Resources

National Nutrition Month and School Breakfast and CACFP Weeks are coming in March. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has Free Nutrition Resources to help with your celebrations. Visit the [USDA Team Nutrition](#)ⁱⁱ website and check out the links under Spotlight.

School Meals Overview Training (SMOT)

The staff of the Michigan Department of Education's School Nutrition Programs unit is pleased to announce a three-day training for food service directors/personnel. This comprehensive training is for School Food Authorities (SFAs) and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) and will cover items that staff must know to provide quality meals that adhere to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines. The next training will be held at Wayne RESA-Woodson/Baylor Center on April 9, 16, and 23, 2019. For further information and registration information, visit [SMOT Registration Information](#)ⁱⁱⁱ.

Action for Healthy Kids Breakfast Grants

[Action for Healthy Kids](#)^{iv} is offering school breakfast grants. School breakfast is more than a meal: It helps fight hunger, improves student focus, and reduces absenteeism. Your school can introduce or expand a school breakfast program with grants for \$1,000, \$2,000, or \$3,000. Whether it's breakfast in the classroom, grab-and-go breakfast, or another breakfast program, help your students start their day right.

[Applications are open from February 4 through April 5, 2019.](#)^v

Register for our breakfast grant webinar on February 21, 2019 to learn more.

Questions of the Week

Question: Our district provided meals during an unanticipated school closure, now what do I do?

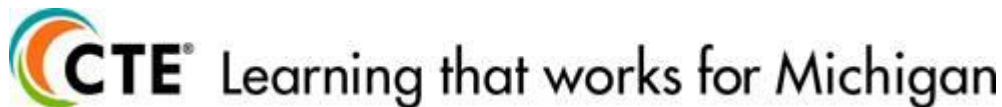
Answer: Once you have served children during the unanticipated school closure a few tasks need to be completed. The [SFSP website](#)^{vi} has a list of steps for sponsors to complete.

1. Within 10 days, amend the SFSP application in MEGS+.
 - Change Status to amend the application.
 - Complete the Amendment Justification page.
 - Edit the Sponsor Information Page: No. 6b -- select Emergency SFSP.
 - SFSP Site Information: No. 11 SFSP Site Calendar -- select the month you served emergency meals to add service days and check the boxes for the meals and service days of the Emergency SFSP. No. 14 -- update meal service times for the meals served.
 - If the site is new, Add Site on the Site Listing Page. Complete the Site Information and SFSP Site Calendar Pages.
 - Change Status to submit amendments.
2. Submit Emergency Closure SFSP Claim in MiND within 60 days.
3. Keep documentation used for the school closure: menu and/or production record, daily meal count form/Point of Service (POS) system/Meet Up and Eat Up app and any other records used during this time.

Question: Are snow days/cold days the only time our district can use Emergency Closure SFSP?

Answer: No, Emergency Closure SFSP can be used during unanticipated school closures. Unanticipated school closures are just that, days when schools/districts have an unplanned closure. This includes cold/snow days and many others such as water main break, frozen pipes, electrical (heating/cooling) problems, extended closures due to employee strikes, flooding, fire, natural disaster, etc. It's a good idea to start planning what your policy will be for unanticipated school closures.

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February is Career and Technical Education Month in Michigan

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ⁱ <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-80635---,00.html>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition>

ⁱⁱⁱ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/training/Registration_Memo_Inkster_April_2019__646381_7.pdf

^{iv} <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/tools-for-schools/apply-for-grants>

^v https://afhkschoolportal.force.com/AFHK_Communities_Login

^{vi} https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_34491---,00.html