

# 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](#)<sup>i</sup> by helping to ensure students receive important nutritional resources to help them learn and grow.

## National School Breakfast Week

Next week is National School Breakfast Week, March 4-8, 2019. This year's theme is "Start Your Engines With School Breakfast." Let us know if you are planning any special events or activities for the week by emailing the details to [mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov).

## School Nutrition Association Elections

The School Nutrition Programs unit wanted to remind everyone that the School Nutrition Association (SNA) elections are happening now and conclude February 28, 2019. Michigan's own Lori Adkins, Child Nutrition Consultant, Oakland Schools, is running for Vice President. All SNA members should vote! There are currently only 99 votes from Michigan out of 1,600+ School Nutrition Association of Michigan members. Your vote counts! Go to [School Nutrition Association](#)<sup>ii</sup> for more information.

## Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

For the information on identifying whole grain-rich foods for CACFP using the ingredient list, visit [CACFP Meal Pattern Training Worksheets](#).<sup>iii</sup>

## Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

The [Michigan Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program](#)<sup>iv</sup> (FFVP) online [MEGS+ application](#)<sup>v</sup> for next school year is now live! To be eligible, schools must:

- Have at least **85 percent free/reduced status** (this is up from 50 percent in past years)
- Be **an elementary/combination school**
- Must submit an application in MEGS+ by **April 30, 2019**
  - You will be asked to upload one sample menu per district and one certification of support per school that is applying into your district application. For copies of these forms, contact Linda Bushong at 517-241-5373.

Contacts at districts with eligible schools will also be emailed directly with more detailed instructions. For more information, visit [Michigan FFVP page](#)<sup>vi</sup> or contact Adrienne Davenport at [DavenportA1@michigan.gov](mailto:DavenportA1@michigan.gov).

## Milk Substitute Update

There recently has been a change to **Silk Soy Original Fluid Milk Substitute** that makes it no longer allowable as a milk substitute for non-disability milk substitutions. For non-disabilities, milk substitutes must be “nutritionally equivalent” to milk. For a copy of the Fluid Milk Substitute Nutrient Verification form, contact Linda Bushong at 517-241-5373. For a review of special diet requirements in School Nutrition, [view our form](#)<sup>vii</sup> or [watch our online training](#).<sup>viii</sup> Please direct questions to [DavenportA1@michigan.gov](mailto:DavenportA1@michigan.gov).

## 25-Year Service Awards Reminder

It is time again to nominate Michigan school food service professionals who have served for 25 years or more. Visit SURVEYMONKEY and complete the nomination form by March 1, 2019, if one or more of your employees have been involved with the National School Lunch Program in Michigan (public and non-public schools) for 25 years or more. Award certificates for 25 years of service will be mailed to the School Food Authority in April 2019. Please do not list employees who have received this recognition in the past.

## Reminder – Upcoming Events

School Meals Overview Training. 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 USDA guidelines.

When: April 9, 16, and 23, 2019.

Where: Wayne RESA-Woodson/Baylor Center

For further information and registration information, visit

[SMOT Registration Information](#)<sup>ix</sup>

## Questions of the Week

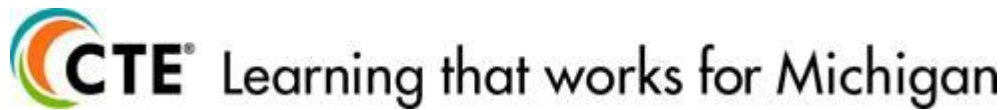
**Question:** What are the requirements for School Breakfast Program Outreach?

**Answer:** Outreach must be done three different times throughout the school year and must include location, price, and time. Some examples of outreach methods include robo calls, flyers, billboards, and signage around the school buildings.

**Question:** What are other options to give students access to breakfast?

**Answer:** Second chance breakfast in between first and second hours, kiosks in one hallway with grab-and-go bags, and breakfast in the classroom are all great options to provide more access to breakfast. If you would like more information, please contact School Nutrition Programs at [mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov).

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February is Career and Technical Education Month in Michigan  
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