

# School Nutrition News From

April 26, 2019

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

## FREE Training Opportunity! 2019 Team Nutrition E-STAR Training Grant

**Interested in 53 Hours of Free Training?** Enter for a chance to win it through the 2019 Team Nutrition Training Grant! E-STAR (Enhanced School Nutrition Strategies, Training, Action Plans, and Resources) is a training program developed by the Institute of Child Nutrition with a focus on meal quality. Training for managers will include pre-workshop online courses, an in-person 2.5 day workshop, and follow-up training and mentoring. For more detailed information you may contact Linda Bushong at 517-241-5374. To sign-up visit [Survey Monkey](#)<sup>i</sup> to electronically sign the grant agreement or scan and email the completed PDF to Whitney Vance at [vancew@michigan.gov](mailto:vancew@michigan.gov).

## Strategies for Implementing Safe Summer Meals

It is never too early to create an outreach plan to promote safe summer meals in your communities. The S.T.A.R. webinar **Strategies for Implementing Safe Summer Meals** will focus on ways to serve safe summer meals and how one local district has implemented a successful summer meals program. Theresa Stretch, MS, RDN, LD, CP-FS, of ICN will discuss key food safety practices essential to a successful summer meals site. Also joining will be Robert Cuellar, Jr., MPH, of the Laredo Independent School District who will share how his district promotes and implements the Summer Food Service Program at 100 feeding sites. Thursday, April 25, 2019/3:00-4:00 PM ET [Webinar Registration](#)<sup>ii</sup>

## National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant

From Wednesday, April 24 to Friday, April 26, 2019, schools were notified that the Office of Health and Nutrition Services had awarded 2020 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant funding and changed the status of their applications to Grant Funds Available.

For a list of schools recommended for funding (Exhibit A) and a list of schools not recommended for funding (Exhibit B), please contact Linda Bushong at 517-241-5374. If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal and Administrative Services - Office of Health and Nutrition Services at [mde-fiscal@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-fiscal@michigan.gov) or 517-241-5348.

## SFSP Newsletters

Please expect to see newsletters from MDE-SFSP monthly from June-August with seasonal newsletters in Fall, Winter and Spring. Check out the Spring 2019 edition for more updates and links to great resources. If you are featured in a local news article, send it our way! We may include it in a future edition.

## Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar

Please visit the [Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar](#),<sup>iii</sup> a one-stop-shop calendar that lists child nutrition trainings across the state. If you wish to add your training to the calendar or have questions, contact [mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov). The more trainings listed, the better the calendar will be!

## Reminder – Upcoming Events

### Michigan Department of Education (MDE)

#### School Nutrition Association (SNAM) June Nutrition Conference

Save the date! The MDE-SNAM June Nutrition Conference will be held June 18-20, 2019, at Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire, Michigan. Registration will go live by late April. Registration is open to the public and will cater to a range of audiences involved in School Nutrition Programs. We hope to see you there!

#### Targeted Training for School Nutrition Professionals Workshop

The staff of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) School Nutrition Programs unit is pleased to announce a hands-on, activity-based workshop for school nutrition professionals. This workshop is targeted to food service staff and will provide active sessions where participants can interact with MDE staff. The workshop consists of two days – Day One will cover nutrition related information and Day Two will cover administrative information. There is no cost for the workshop and participants are welcome to attend one or both days. Preregistration is required. Registration preference will be given to UP counties first. Please register for each day you plan to attend.

When: May 13 and 14, 2019

Where: Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, Marquette, Michigan

For further information and registration information, visit Targeted Training Registration.

#### Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Operational Trainings

Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is offering half-day and full-day SFSP operational training sessions. Full-day sessions are required for new sponsors and/or new staff and half-day sessions are for returning sponsors. SFSP trainings cost \$25 per person for full-day and \$15 per person for half-day sessions. Registration for trainings is required, via the Eventbrite site.

## Questions of the Week

**Question:** My school is K – 12. Am I eligible for FFVP?

**Answer:** No. Only elementary schools are eligible, and may include Pre-K, but not Pre-K only buildings.

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**Question:** What criteria is used to award Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program funds?

**Answer:** Award selections will be based on the percentage of students certified for free and reduced price benefits at the time of the October 2018 School Meals Claim. For Community Eligibility Provision (CEP, formerly CEO) schools, the free and reduced percentage will be determined based on the most recently available direct certification percentage multiplied by 1.6 (DC x 1.6).

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W7H856J>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7422251442452506125>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=minutritiontraining%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FDetroit>