

School Nutrition News From



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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.

Michigan Department of Education (MDE) School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) June Nutrition Conference

The MDE-SNAM June Nutrition Conference will be held June 18-20, 2019, at Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire, Michigan. Registration is open to the public and will cater to a range of audiences involved in School Nutrition Programs. For more information visit [MDE-SNAM June Nutrition Conference](#). We hope to see you there!

Civil Rights Update: “And Justice for All (AJFA) Posters”

MDE received notice from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Midwest Regional Office that we cannot distribute AJFA posters until further notice. Please do not take down your current posters at this time but await further instruction from USDA per their notification to us.

Procurement Threshold Updates

As a reminder, on June 20, 2018, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released a memo that changed the micro purchase threshold to \$10,000 and the simplified acquisitions (small purchase) threshold to \$250,000. For further details on the threshold updates, visit [SP 20-2019 Memo](#)ⁱⁱ for further details on the threshold updates. The State of Michigan maintains a more restrictive threshold for Food Purchases of \$100,000 for Public School Districts, Academies and ISDs. The threshold for Supplies for Public School Districts, Academies and ISDs in Michigan was recently updated to \$24,459 on September 27, 2018. The new Federal thresholds for Services of \$250,000 and Micro Purchases of \$10,000 are allowed **immediately** along with the new State of Michigan Supplies threshold of \$24,459. The Office of Health and Nutrition Services is currently working on updating our instructions, guidance and tools to reflect these changes. Any questions regarding the new procurement thresholds may be directed to our Fiscal Monitoring Unit at 517-241-5348 or MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov. For more information, visit [Competitive Bid Threshold, FY 2019 Memo](#).ⁱⁱⁱ

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 University Center at Gaylord on August 6, 7, and 8, 2019.

Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) - Food Safety Train-the-Trainer

ICN is offering a Midwest Region Food Safety Train-the-Trainer Event in Traverse City, Michigan. This event is for district directors and/or district trainers to receive materials and information to provide training in their home districts. Participant travel expenses will be reimbursed according to ICN's Participant Travel Policies and Procedures. Space is limited to 20 participants and registrations will be accepted first come, first served. For registration and further information, visit [Food Safety Train the Trainer](#)^{iv}.

Date: September 18 and 19, 2019

Team Up For the Whole Child: Building Your Healthy School Community

Milk Means More is partnering with Michigan Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Education, Health and Human Services and MSU Extension to bring together all people concerned about school wellness. Bring a team of adults to learn how to build a healthy school community customized to your school needs. Two dates and locations to choose from:

- Aug. 7, 2019 - USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth
- Aug. 14, 2019 - Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids

For registration and further information, visit [Team Up for the Whole Child](#).^v

Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar

Please visit the [Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar](#), 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. The more trainings listed, the better the calendar will be!

Questions of the Week

Question: There is a new food service director in my district, what do I need to update so this person has access?

Answer: There are a couple different parts of your School Nutrition Program application that have to be updated:

- Sponsor Information Page – ensures that MDE has up-to-date contact information on file.
 - Questions 8a-8d
- Food Service Director Hiring Standards – ensures your district is in compliance with USDA regulations regarding food service director education requirements
 - Questions 1-5
- Food Service Director Hiring Documentation – provides documentation to support your answers for the previous page Food Service Director Hiring Standards

In addition, the new director may need to have access to the Michigan Electronic Grant System Plus (MEGS+) application and/or the Michigan Nutrition Data (MiND) Claim System. If this is the case, please contact Kristi Packer at 517-241-5381, for help with access to the needed systems. She can walk you or the new director through the process.

Question: I want to serve meals at my school in the summer, what do I need to do?

Answer: If you are not participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and you plan to claim meals through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs for July and August, you will need to complete and submit the SNP 2020 application in MEGS+. The SNP 2020 renewal/application is open and available at [MEGS+](#).^{vi}

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May is Teacher Appreciation Month. Use #MIteachAppreesh to recognize outstanding educators – learn more: bit.ly/MIteachAppreesh



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

ⁱⁱhttps://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP20_CACFP07_SFSP06-2019os.pdf

ⁱⁱⁱhttps://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Competitive_Bid_Threshold_333257_7.pdf

^{iv}<https://theicn.org/food-safety-train-the-trainer-sept2019-registration>

^v<https://www.milkmeansmore.org/TeamUpWholeChild/>

^{vi}https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=MIMDE_MEGSPLUS&ReturnURL=/megsplus/