

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

## **National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs Reimbursement Rates – School Year 2019-2020**

On Wednesday, August 7, 2019, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) published in the Federal Register the National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs [National Average Payments/Maximum Reimbursement Rates](#).<sup>ii</sup> These rates are effective from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

### **10 Cents Per Meal Grant**

The 2019-2020 10 Cents Per Meal Grant application **is not yet available**. The reason is that the Michigan Department of Education must wait for the Governor to sign the final budget bill to begin any program planning. This bill language will determine the overall budget, eligible regions, and program dates. As soon as we know more, we will update all of you.

In the meantime, please save your local produce receipts and invoices if you are interested in the program. If you are not familiar with the 10 cents grant, this is a matching grant that can award up to \$0.10 for each meal served with produce that has been grown in Michigan. For information and success stories on the grant, visit [10 Cents Per Meal Grant](#).<sup>iii</sup> If you have questions regarding the grant, please contact Jaime Malnar at [malnarj1@michigan.gov](mailto:malnarj1@michigan.gov) or 517-335-3792 or Liana Bennett at [bennettL4@michigan.gov](mailto:bennettL4@michigan.gov) or 517-241-5349.

### **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant Awards**

Conditional awards have been made for the [Fiscal Year 2020 FFVP Grant](#),<sup>iv</sup> for the period October 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. These awards are tentative, pending an official Grant Award Notification from the USDA. For a list of schools that were not awarded, visit [FFVP Schools Not Awarded](#).<sup>v</sup>

### **Food Service Administrative Memo No. 2**

For information on outreach to households on the availability of the School Breakfast Program, visit [Food Service Administrative Memo No. 2](#).<sup>vi</sup>

## USDA Farm Bill Implementation Memo: Donated Traditional Foods and Civil Liability

On December 20, 2018, Congress passed the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334, 2018 Farm Bill). The purpose of this memorandum is to notify Child Nutrition Program operators of the 2018 Farm Bill's expansion of the provision stating that certain groups are not liable in civil cases regarding the donation and service of traditional foods. This provision only applies to food service programs at public and nonprofit facilities that primarily serve Indians, including those operated by Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations. For further information, visit [USDA Farm Bill Implementation Memo](#).<sup>vii</sup>

## Upcoming Events/Deadlines

### Application Due Date

School Nutrition Programs (SNP) 2020 Application is now available. For the MEGS+ website for completing the SNP 2020 renewal/application, visit [MEGS+ Website](#).<sup>viii</sup> The table below shows the MEGS+ application deadlines based on the first month in the 2019-2020 school year for which you may submit a claim for reimbursement in the SNPs.

Claim Month	Application Due
September 2019	September 1, 2019

Please note a MEGS+ CNP: SNP 2020 Application must be submitted and approved in order to submit claims for July and August 2019.

### USDA Foods Program

School food authorities (SFAs) must complete the *Request for USDA Foods Delivery* portion of the SNP application within MEGS+ to participate in the USDA Foods Program for **School Year 2020-2021**. When completing the SNP application within the View/Edit screen, the *Request for USDA Foods Delivery* form will be found under Program Forms. The deadline to choose to participate in the USDA Foods Program is October 15, 2019.

### **The SFA consortium decision is then irrevocable for School Year 2020-2021.**

The USDA Foods Consortia Services and Department of Defense (DoD) Services have two documents that might assist you with making your consortium choice. For a copy of these documents, contact the School Nutrition Programs office by phone 517-241-5374 or email [mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov). As a friendly reminder, your SFA already selected its consortium choice for School Year 2019-2020 within the School Year 2018-2019 MEGS+ SNP application and food ordering for the upcoming school year has already begun. If you have questions, please contact Jaime Malnar at [MalnarJ1@michigan.gov](mailto:MalnarJ1@michigan.gov) or 517-241-5348.

### Talk @ 2pm

The Office of Health and Nutrition Services is excited to announce Talk @ 2pm, an exciting opportunity for professional development and training via Skype. Talk @ 2pm will typically be held once per month throughout 2019. Join SNP staff for an informal 30-minute to 1-hour Webinar meeting. Staff will provide a brief description of the topic and the remainder of the time is open for Q & A. Preregistration is required. Following is information on the upcoming Talk @ 2pm topic:

**Topic:** Direct Certification

Direct Certification is a process conducted by states and by local educational agencies (LEAs) to certify eligible children for free meals without the need for household applications.

**When:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 – 2:00 pm

**To Register:** [Talk @2pm\\_Direct Certification\\_Registration](#)

**School Meals Overview Training (SMOT)**

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. Following are the dates for the upcoming fall SMOT.

**When:** September 26, October 2, and October 9, 2019

**Location:** Forest Hills Fine Arts Center, Grand Rapids

For further information and registration information, visit [SMOT Registration - Grand Rapids](#)

**No Kid Hungry Webinar – Create Your Own School Breakfast Success Story**

Is there a school you work with that’s seen major accomplishments with their Breakfast After the Bell (BAB) program? Join this webinar to learn how to create a school breakfast success story to showcase their great work and shine a light on passionate school breakfast champions that have made BAB a win for the students, the school, and the community. Breakfast success stories are also a great way to bring positive press to a school and inspire other schools to implement BAB models. This webinar is for No Kid Hungry campaign partners or anyone else interested in elevating a school’s BAB program.

**When:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 - 2:00-2:45 pm ET

**To Register:** [Create Your Own School Breakfast Success Story Webinar Registration](#)<sup>ix</sup>

**Questions of the Week**

**Question:** What am I supposed to do with my “And Justice for All” posters?

**Answer:** If you have “And Justice for All” posters posted at each of your school buildings/meal sites, please keep the posters posted. If posters have been taken down or need to be replaced, you are not required to post anything at this time. We are waiting for a final decision from the USDA with the possibility of a new poster being distributed so please be patient. We are unable to distribute posters at this time, and we will let everyone know when something changes.

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**Question:** When is it appropriate to use the short version of the Non-Discrimination Statement?

**Answer:** The short version of the Non-Discrimination Statement, “This institution is an equal opportunity provider,” may be used on one-page documents. Please note that the print size cannot be smaller than the text in the document. The nondiscrimination statement is not required on a calendar style menu simply informing program participants about available food items on a particular day.

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**Question:** When is it necessary to use the full version of the Non-Discrimination Statement?

**Answer:** Materials regarding school nutrition programs, specifically program eligibility and program benefits, that are produced for household distribution, public information, public education, or public distribution, including websites, must include the complete nondiscrimination statement found at [Non-Discrimination Statement](#).<sup>x</sup> This includes forms or other information meant to convey application or eligibility standards or decisions, or program participation requirements.

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[www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition](http://www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition)

Visit the Michigan Parent Dashboard for School Transparency  
*Your Window to Important School Information and Facts*

Learn more at: <http://www.MISchoolData.org/ParentDashboard><sup>xi</sup>



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

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-08-07/pdf/2019-16903.pdf>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.tencentsmichigan.org/>

<sup>iv</sup> [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FFVP\\_FY\\_2019-20\\_680143\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FFVP_FY_2019-20_680143_7.pdf)

<sup>v</sup> [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2020\\_FFVP\\_Not\\_awarded\\_82119\\_664081\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2020_FFVP_Not_awarded_82119_664081_7.pdf)

<sup>vi</sup> [https://w3.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Admin\\_Memo\\_No\\_2\\_662384\\_7.pdf](https://w3.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Admin_Memo_No_2_662384_7.pdf)

<sup>vii</sup> [https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP31\\_CACFP14\\_SFSP14-2019os.pdf](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP31_CACFP14_SFSP14-2019os.pdf)

<sup>viii</sup> [https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=MIMDE\\_MEGSPPLUS&ReturnURL=/megsplus/](https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=MIMDE_MEGSPPLUS&ReturnURL=/megsplus/)

<sup>ix</sup> <http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/webinars/create-your-own-school-breakfast-success-story>

<sup>x</sup> [https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254\\_50144-194532--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_50144-194532--,00.html)

<sup>xi</sup> <https://www.mischooldata.org/ParentDashboard/>