

# 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.

## Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+) Deadline Approaching

The Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+) Child Nutrition Programs (CNP): School Nutrition Programs (SNP) 2019 Application is now available. The [MEGS+ Website](#)<sup>ii</sup> for completing the SNP 2019 renewal/application is now open. For participating School Food Authorities (SFAs), the 2019 renewal application must be completed online by September 1, 2018.

## Outreach to Households on the Availability of the School Breakfast Program

For information on outreach to households on the availability of the School Breakfast Program, please see [Food Service Administrative Memo No. 1 SY 2018-2019](#)<sup>iii</sup>.

## Tuesday at 2 Webinar

One Tuesday each month, we will host a webinar at 2:00 p.m. that will last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Each webinar is designed to provide quick updates on the "latest and greatest" information on a designated topic for that month with the opportunity for participants to ask questions. Our next Tuesday at 2 Webinar:

- **Date:** August 21, 2018
- **Topic:** Processing F/R Meal Applications and Benefit Issuance

To join this webinar, pre-registration is required. Registration opens August 7. The link for the webinar will be provided with your registration confirmation from Eventbrite. Please take advantage of this opportunity and join us in getting your Processing F/R Meal Applications and Benefit Issuance questions answered!

You can join this webinar from a desktop or laptop computer with speakers. Phones are not necessary to hear the audio for this webinar. Mobile devices can also be used, but some aspects of the webinar (i.e., polling questions) may not be visible on your screen. We will be using Skype for Business. If you are not familiar with this technology, you may want to join the webinar before 2:00 pm to check your video and audio settings.

## Turnip the Beet! Award

All Summer Food Service Program sponsors in compliance with program requirements are

eligible for a Turnip the Beet! award. There are three award levels available: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Sponsors may nominate themselves or another party may nominate them.

The sponsor or other party must fill out the Turnip the Beet! Nomination Form then submit the form and a one-month menu to [MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov) by October 15, 2018, for consideration. The 2018 evaluation criteria and prizes are outlined in the 2018 Turnip the Beet! [Award Overview](#). USDA's Turnip the Beet! High Quality Summer Meals [Award Program Website](#)<sup>iv</sup> has all the details. Please contact [MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-SFSP@michigan.gov) with questions.

### **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Newsletter**

Visit [SFSP Newsletters](#)<sup>v</sup> for the latest issues.

### **Michigan Department of Education (MDE) News Release**

MDE released a [News Release](#)<sup>vi</sup> on Income Guidelines for National Free and Reduced Priced Meals for Schools and the Child and Adult Care Food Program for School Year 2018-2019.

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Michigan Department of Education  
517-241-5374  
[www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition](http://www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition)

Nourishing Michigan's Future...during school and during the summer! Find a Summer Food Service Program site nearest you and encourage Michigan's children to Meet Up and Eat Up!  
[www.michigan.gov/meetupeatup](http://www.michigan.gov/meetupeatup)



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

<sup>ii</sup> [https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/Login2.aspx?APP THEME=MIMDE\\_MEGSPLUS&ReturnURL=/megsplus/](https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/Login2.aspx?APP THEME=MIMDE_MEGSPLUS&ReturnURL=/megsplus/)

<sup>iii</sup> [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Admin\\_Memo\\_No\\_1\\_630704\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Admin_Memo_No_1_630704_7.pdf)

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet>

<sup>v</sup> [https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254\\_34491-459464--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_34491-459464--,00.html)

<sup>vi</sup> [https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMDE/2018/07/11/file\\_attachments/1037323/2018-19%2BIncome%2BEligibility%2BGuidelines%2B.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMDE/2018/07/11/file_attachments/1037323/2018-19%2BIncome%2BEligibility%2BGuidelines%2B.pdf)