

School Nutrition News From MDE

December 6, 2018



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.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Press Release

USDA has issued a Press Release - More Flexibility on Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Provides Options to Schools. For a copy of the Press Release, contact Linda Bushong, School Nutrition Programs at 517-241-5374.

Reduced Price Meals

Just a reminder that at the discretion of the School Food Authority (SFA), schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or the School Breakfast Program may offer meals at no cost to students who would otherwise qualify for reduced benefits. See [USDA Memo SP 17-2014](#)ⁱⁱ for full details.

Position Openings – Michigan Department of Education

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has posted a School District Consultant 12/P13 position (3103-19-027gw), Office of Health and Nutrition Services, School Health and Safety, on the State of Michigan posting site. This permanent full-time position is located in Lansing and is open to internal employees and outside applicants. Deadline to apply is December 19, 2018.

MDE has also posted a Student Assistant position (2 positions), job number (3103-19-015/016gw), Office of Health and Nutrition Services, School Nutrition Programs, on the State of Michigan posting site. This non-career position, maximum hours of 48 hours per pay period, is located in Lansing and is open to internal employees and outside applicants. Deadline to apply is December 18, 2018.

Position Opening at Beaver Island Community School

Beaver Island Community School is hiring a Food Service Coordinator. This is a school interested in local, farm-fresh product and is a recipient of [10 Cents a Meal](#)ⁱⁱⁱ this current school year. The deadline to apply is December 11, 2018, and the start date is January 2, 2019. If you have any questions, contact Wil Cwikiel, Principal/Superintendent at 231-448-2744.

Reminder – Upcoming Events

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:** December 11, 2018
- **Topic:** SFA-Verification Collection Report (VCR)

To join this webinar, pre-registration is required. 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 SFA-Verification Collection Report (VCR) 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.

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Our collective efforts can help make Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years! Here are the goals and strategies:
<http://mi.gov/top10in10/>



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

ⁱⁱ <https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/SP17-2014os.pdf>

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