

School Nutrition News From

July 22, 2019

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) Press Release

MDE announced the household income eligibility guidelines established by the United States Department of Agriculture for Free and Reduced-Price Meals and Free Milk through the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs. Visit [MDE Press Release](#).ⁱⁱ

2018 Turnip the Beet Award Winners

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released the 2018 Turnip the Beet Award winners, recognizing outstanding Summer Food Service Program sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. MDE is excited to announce our 2018 Turnip the Beet High Quality Meal Award winners. Michigan nominated 13 exceptional sponsors and all are being awarded a Turnip The Beet award. Our 13 sponsors are among an elite group of 118 sponsors nationwide to receive this award.

MDE would like to congratulate all the winners for their dedication to the Summer Food Service Program while positively contributing to children's healthy development by offering nutritious meals, encouraging children to develop healthy habits at a young age, and feeding the whole child the whole year.

Waterford School District	GOLD
Bendle Public Schools	SILVER
Essexville Hampton Public Schools	SILVER
Fenton Area Public Schools	SILVER
Food Gatherers	SILVER
Mattawan Consolidated Schools	SILVER
Monroe Family YMCA	SILVER
Montrose Community Schools	SILVER
Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency	SILVER
Paw Paw Public Schools	SILVER
YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	SILVER
Durand Area Schools	BRONZE
School District of Saginaw	BRONZE

Equipment Assistance Grant Contact Information

Cheryl Schubel has retired from the Michigan Department of Education. If you have any questions regarding the Equipment Assistance Grant, please contact Mark Diebolt at 517-241-5367 or Mike Kelly at 517-241-5366.

Position Opening - Michigan Department of Education

The Department of Education has posted a Financial Analyst 12 position (3103-19-117-LH), located within the Office of Health Nutrition Services, on the State of Michigan posting site. This permanent full-time position is located in Lansing and is open to all qualified applicants. To apply and/or view the position description, visit [Financial Analyst Position](#). The deadline to apply is Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

Offer versus Serve (OVS) National School Lunch Program Posters and Lunch and Breakfast OVS Tip Sheets

The OVS Lunch Posters for elementary, middle, and high school students may be used as signage to instruct students to select a reimbursable meal under OVS. The OVS tip sheets are intended for use by school food service staff to enhance their understanding of OVS requirements at breakfast and lunch. USDA plans to print these posters soon for NSLP schools to order. More information to come on this.

You may access the updated OVS resources at [OVS Program Resources](#).ⁱⁱⁱ

Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar

Please visit the [Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar](#),^{iv} 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!

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](#).^v 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
August 2019	August 1, 2019
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 by Consortia 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. 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 or 517-241-5348.

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 two upcoming SMOTs

When: August 6, 7, and 8, 2019

Location: University Center at Gaylord

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

Note: There are no room blocks for hotels in Gaylord for the SMOT training, so you are encouraged to book your own lodging soon. Please keep in mind that this area is a popular summer destination and hotels may sell out.

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](#)

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

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

LIVE Virtual Farm Tour of a Michigan Dairy Farm.

Did you know milk can travel from the farm to your table in just 48 hours? Join Milk Means More on August 7, 2019, for a LIVE Virtual Farm Tour of a Michigan dairy farm. Watch how cows are cared for and how milk is produced. All you need is an internet-connected device. A projector and speakers are recommended for larger groups.

The tour is open to all age groups but recommended for students in grades 2 – 6. The live tour will begin at 1:30 p.m. and last 30 minutes with an opportunity for your questions to be answered LIVE! Visit [Virtual Farm Tour](#)^{vii} to learn more and register for this **Free** event by August 5, 2019.

Questions of the Week

Question: What are USDA Foods?

Answer: Formerly referred to as commodities, the USDA's Schools/Child Nutrition USDA Foods Programs support USDA Child Nutrition Programs and American agricultural producers through purchases of domestic agricultural products for use in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). On the average, USDA Foods make up approximately 20 percent of the foods served at participating agencies in the form of beef, pork, fish, poultry, dairy, fruits, vegetables, oil, grain, and more. Some of those items are delivered in raw form while others are diverted to a manufacturer for further processing (chicken patties, pizza, cheeses, etc.). Fresh fruits and vegetables are also available for the program via the Department of Defense (DoD) program.

Question: How do I sign up to get USDA Foods?

Answer: USDA Foods Program School Food Authorities (SFAs) must complete the Request for USDA Foods Delivery portion of the SNP application within the Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS+) to participate in the USDA Foods Program for the upcoming school year. 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 for School Year 2020 - 2021 is October 15, 2019.

Question: What is a USDA Foods Consortium?

Answer: Michigan's USDA Foods consortium procures the distribution, warehousing, and processing of USDA Foods and DoD produce for all school districts in its membership. They also oversee all ordering and administration of the program. Schools that join a consortium will pre-order USDA Foods beginning as early as November for delivery during the upcoming school year. Entitlement used for these purchases is calculated using prior year lunch counts multiplied by current federal commodity entitlement rate.

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Free Family Resources for Navigating the World of Special Education.

email: info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org, visit www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org, or call us at 1-800-552-4821.

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

ⁱⁱhttps://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMDE/2019/07/11/file_attachments/1246121/2019%20Income%20Eligibility%20Guidelines.pdf

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- ^{iv}<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=minutritiontraining%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FDetroit>
- ^vhttps://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=MIMDE_MEGSPLUS&ReturnURL=/megsplus/
- ^{vi}<https://www.milkmeansmore.org/TeamUpWholeChild/>
- ^{vii}<https://www.milkmeansmore.org/virtual-farm-tour/>