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What's new in Michigan School Food Service.....let's get to it:

- 1) Local Educational Agency Review System (LEARS) Report – While we had some problems opening the application, the LEARS report is now available. Each Local Educational Agency (LEA) is required to select and verify a sample of its School Year 2012-2013 applications for Free and Reduced Price School Meal Program benefits by November 15. The outcome of these verification activities must be reported to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) via the Web-based LEARS annually. Please note the LEARS report is due earlier this year than in previous years. The LEARS Verification Summary Report is due February 15, 2013.
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Lears_Memo_to_LEAS_408678_7.pdf
- 2) Meeting the Challenge - Check out our Meeting the Challenge Video Series stars of the week: David Rose, Mandy Sosnowski, and Lori Grant as they talk about the importance of educating students. The same video features a Chef demonstration of Cuban Black Bean Salad. To view the video click here: <http://ow.ly/eqlCo>. For copy of the recipes click here: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Meeting_the_Challenge_Recipe_Book_403050_7.pdf.
- 3) Food Buying Guide - SP 37-2012 Separation of Vegetables/Fruit in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (Revised) with attachments is now available. The charts and the revision of memo SP 37-2012 are attached.
- 4) Validation Reviews - MDE staff are currently scheduling Validation Reviews of the performance-based reimbursement (6 Cent Certification) set forth in the interim rule entitled, Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The Validation Review includes a comprehensive on-site evaluation to ensure the meal service is in compliance with the updated meal pattern and is consistent with the menu/documentation on which certification was based. The list of schools randomly selected for review is located at www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition. Scroll down to Compliance Reviews, and click on Validation Reviews. This list will be updated weekly. In addition, there is a checklist available to help you prepare for the review.

- 5) Smarter Lunchrooms - If you represent a Michigan School Food Service Program and your building is a National School Lunch Program sponsor, enter the following Smarter Lunchrooms Facebook Competition for your chance at \$400 to use toward your lunchroom. Note: You must like our Michigan Team Nutrition Facebook Page to enter. This month we're looking for your Creative & Attention Grabbing Signs that you're using in the lunchroom. Click on the Smarter Lunchrooms tab in Facebook, or on the following link to enter: https://www.facebook.com/MichiganTeamNutrition/app_451684954848385.
- 6) Meeting the Challenge #2 - Check out our Meeting the Challenge Video Series stars of the week: Katie McConkie and Lynna Hassenger as they talk about serving orange vegetables kids love. The same video features a Chef demonstration of Smokin' Hot Sweet Potato quesadilla and more. To view the video click here: <http://ow.ly/eqkZd>. For copy of the recipes click here: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Meeting_the_Challenge_Recipe_Book_403050_7.pdf.
- 7) Drink Milk for Life - Looking for a way to spruce up the cafeteria? Need some new giveaways and promotions for students? Then the Drink Milk for Life! toolkit is for you. This new promotion is a way to remind students about the importance of milk in school meals with a fun, retro video game feel that will appeal to all ages (even staff!!). This free toolkit, brought to you by the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM), provides inflatables, posters, buttons for staff and age specific giveaways like t-shirts, mini-buttons, and 3D rulers. It also introduces new milk mustache finger tattoos!! Get your students excited about including milk as a part of their school meal that provides them with 8 grams of protein to help them feel full longer as well as 8 other essential nutrients. Order your kit at www.DrinkMilkForLife.com. Limit one kit per school. Quantities are limited so order today. Questions? Contact Deanne Kelleher at UDIM at 1-800-241-MILK, ext. 230.
- 8) Food Policy - If you are out and around Grand Rapids and see Amy Klinkoski, one of our School Food Service Professionals, congratulate her – she is newly appointed by the Governor to the Michigan Food Policy Council. Congratulations Amy.
- 9) New 6 Cent Workbooks – As you know, USDA dropped the maximum amounts for grains and meat/meat alternate from the new meal pattern while keeping the calorie limits the same. There have been several questions but the answer is “No” they will not be developing new spreadsheets in response to this change. So having the dreaded “red cells of error” may very well happen if you exceed grains or meat/meat alternate on your 6 Cent Certification application. You may still submit them if these are the only issues with your application.

10)How's it Going? - Are things settling down in your operations? Is food waste declining at all? Are students more accepting of the changes? Any other major challenges?

That is it for this week (or two). Have a great week!

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SUBJECT: Separation of Vegetables/Fruit in the *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs*

TO: Regional Directors
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Attached is the Revised Chart of the *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs* for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. We have updated information on the following: **Bok Choy, Fresh, Whole and Cabbage, Chinese or Celery** entry on pages 2-16 and 2-18, respectively.

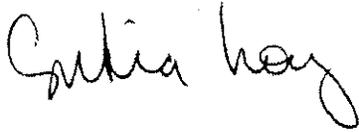
Bok Choy, Fresh, Whole has been updated to reflect the serving sizes for raw leafy vegetables. Raw bok choy credits as half the volume served. Therefore, 1 cup of raw bok choy will credit in the NSLP as ½ cup dark green vegetable. To reduce confusion among the various varieties of Chinese cabbage including celery cabbage, School Food Authorities (SFA) will see the previous entry "Cabbage, Chinese or Celery" listed in the FBG as "Cabbage, Celery or Napa." The crediting information has also been modified to reflect that of other cabbages. Celery (Napa) cabbage credits as volume served. Additionally, celery (Napa) cabbage is an "Other Vegetable" and has been moved from the "Dark Green Subgroup" chart and listed in the "Other Vegetable Subgroup" chart.

The revised Vegetables and Fruits Section of the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs can be accessed online at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/resources/foodbuyingguide.html>.

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School food authorities should contact their State agencies for additional information. State agencies may direct any questions concerning this guidance to the appropriate Food and Nutrition Service Regional Office.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Long". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "C" and "L".

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