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Since I started this on April Fool's Day, I thought about starting out this News with a joke ("All NSLP meals don't have any requirements now") but figured someone would use that email as a reason to not follow requirements. So instead, here is some real news:

- 1) Summer Food Webinar Tomorrow - We wanted to ensure you were aware of this webinar on April 3, entitled, Keeping Schools Involved in Summer Meals. We encourage participation to all who could benefit from this. See attached for more information.
- 2) June Conference - We are finalizing our agenda for our June 10-12 conference here in Lansing. To begin, we have three wonderful general session presentations including Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent; Samia Hamdan from the Midwest USDA Regional Office; and Scott Deming, a nationally known speaker on building and improving business (school lunch is a business!). We also are planning on having EXTENSIVE information on Smart Snacks and Fundraisers. Our theme? Hope you are all Wizard of Oz fans - "Apples and Spinach and Regulations, Oh My!!" We expect the conference to be as good as last years and those that were there know what a successful conference it was!! We realize the dates may not be ideal, due to school calendars being extended because of snow days, but we hope you will get your operation all set to run without you for a couple of days. Registration details will be coming up soon. The SNS Credentialing Exam will be offered, and here are some of the topics to be covered - the Administrative Review, Smart Snacks, Fundraisers, Local Wellness Policy, Increasing Customer Loyalty, Food Allergies, MDE Panel Discussion, Resource Management, the FID, Staying in Compliance, and several others - all of these programs will help lead you to the "Land of Oz." What's behind the curtain? Come find out!
- 3) Smart Snacks - For those looking for information on Smart Snacks, here are some links that will help you:
 - a. Here is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation in pdf form:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Cheetos_and_more_449373_7.pdf.
 - b. This link is for a front to back sheet describing the Smart Snacks requirements:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Smart_Snacks_info_434496_7.pdf?20140402111227.
 - c. Here are links to a video of the new Smart Snacks Rules -

<http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2840/school-meals-program-requirements-training-competitive-food-rule-nutritional-standards-for-all-foods-sold-in-school-part-1> and
<http://mistreamnet.org/videos/2841/school-meals-program-requirements-training-competitive-food-rule-nutritional-standards-for-all-foods-sold-in-school-part-2>.

- d. And here is a link to USDAs website page that provides many different resources for Smart Snacks
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/legislation/allfoods.htm>.
 - e. Plan on attending our June conference where we will spend considerable time on Smart Snacks!!
- 4) Team Nutrition - #BoostBreakfastMI regional training sessions last week were a success!!! Did you miss the training? Materials and the archived livestream are available here: <http://boostbreakfast.com/training-materials/>. That's right the new website is up and running!!! www.boostbreakfast.com
- 5) Michigan Learning Connection Summit - This Summit will explore how current science links physical activity, nutrition, and breakfast to enhance children's health and readiness to learn. You'll hear from Michigan schools that have made that connection and how they were able to overcome challenges to make it happen.

BE THERE -> Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Ford Field. REGISTER HERE -> <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1524500>. This is going to be an AMAZING event!! DON'T miss it!!

Sorry such a short one, but the webinar above is tomorrow so I wanted to get this out. More to come soon.

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“Keeping Schools Involved in Summer Meals” Webinar

April 3 at 2:00PM-3:00PM EST

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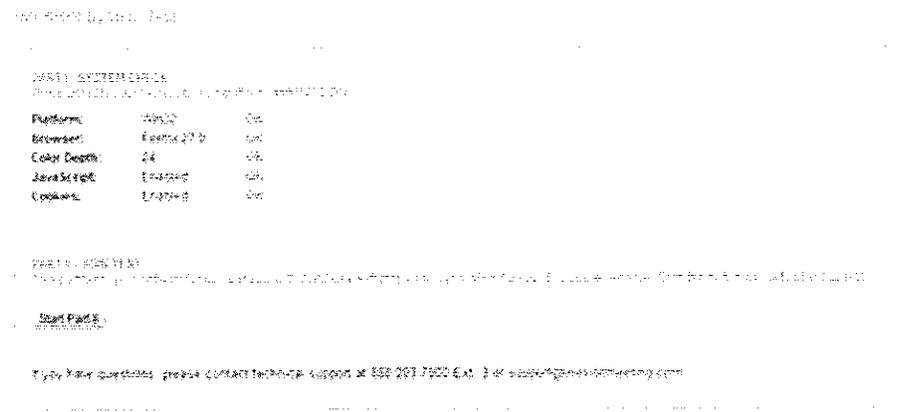
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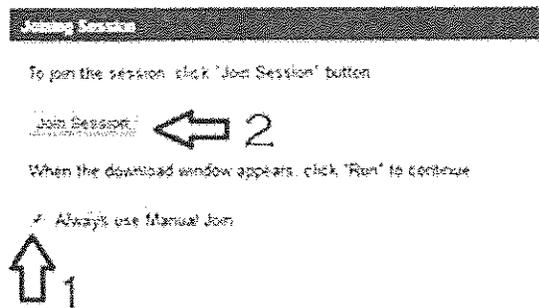
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Description: Schools authorities, teachers, community organizations, and parents are interested in getting involved in summer feeding? Our webinar "Keeping Schools Involved in Summer Meals" will present the examples of schools that have been able to make the Summer Food Service Program

successful. The guest speakers on the webinar will talk about what it takes for schools to run the summer feeding program in their communities, will provide ideas on leveraging partnerships, and illustrate innovative ways to feed the children during summer when schools are out. Schools are a great resource, they could a food vendor, open up school grounds for sites, provide transportation, or work with school officials to find money to keep the school open to serve summer meals.

Guest Speakers:

- Audrey Rowe, Food and Nutrition Service Administrator
- Dr. Jonathan Brice, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education
- Mandana Yousefi, USDA Food and Nutrition Service
- Alexandra G. Molina, M.S., SNS, Director McAllen ISD Food & Nutrition Services – School District Efforts to Extending Summer

- Darlene L. Martin, MS, RD, Director Nutrition Services Branch Long Beach Unified School District - Innovative ways to stay involved in summer meals despite budgetary challenges

- Karen Banks, Program Manager, Share our Strength - Help schools and districts calculate the financial benefits of Summer Food Service program with the No Kid Hungry School Calculator tool

Background on the Summer Food Service Program

Every summer when school ends, millions of kids and teens are at risk of going hungry because they no longer have access to the free and reduced-price meals they received when they were in school. The USDA has created the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to cover this summer meal gap. However, SFSP is one of the most underutilized government programs with only about 16% of eligible kids participating. This is why we need your help. You, as an individual or organization, can get involved in so many different ways. You can serve the meals, promote the program, provide transportation, volunteer at summer food sites, or even go out and find new sites and sponsors. Join our webinars to learn all about the program and how fun it is to get involved. For more information about SFSP please visit: www.summerfood.usda.gov.