



## **Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin**

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*The Top 10 Strategic Education Plan is Michigan's plan for education in the state. The plan focuses on education efforts that support Michigan learners through eight specific goals and metrics used to monitor progress annually. The Office of Nutrition Services (ONS) wants to highlight Goal 3 - Improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners and its metric for school breakfast program participation. It is vital that all students have access to a wholesome, nutritious breakfast every school day.*

#### **National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) March 3-7, 2025**

NSBW celebrates the importance of a nutritious school breakfast in fueling students for success. This special observance during the first week of March celebrates the National School Breakfast Program and the many ways it gives kids a great start every day. This year's theme, "*Clue In to School Breakfast*," brings the fun and excitement of mystery-solving into the cafeteria. Plan for a fun, celebratory week with the NSBW25 resources on the School Nutrition Association's [NSBW website](#). Send an email to [mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov) and tell us about your plans.

#### **NSBW Resources**

School Nutrition Association's [NSBW website](#)

#### MDE Breakfast Resources

- Good nutrition book lists for [PreK and Kindergarten](#), and [First to Third Grade](#) (great for promoting March is Reading Month also!)
- Student games: [Word search 1](#), [word search 2](#), and [Fill in the blank](#)

#### **The Better Breakfast Tool – Prototype! Looking for a Volunteers!**

Have you ever wanted to test out new USDA resources? Well, this is your chance to test out a resource and support your own school breakfast program at the same time.

The USDA announced the “soft launch” of an optional menu planning prototype: The Better Breakfast Tool – Prototype! The USDA developed this Microsoft Excel workbook to help school nutrition professionals create and adapt nutritious breakfast menus that students will enjoy. The prototype is designed to be an interactive tool that sponsors can use to build menus and receive real-time insight into how to meet school breakfast nutrition standards as they plan weekly meals that mix student favorites with healthy breakfast staples.

Prior to officially releasing this tool to all sponsors, the USDA provided this optional breakfast resource to MDE for the purpose of gathering feedback for improvement and suggestions for future enhancements. MDE is looking for a few volunteers to use the tool and help us give feedback to the USDA. The USDA plans to officially release the tool for all sponsors to use on a date to be determined. If you are interested in being a volunteer, send an email to [mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov). We look forward to hearing from you.

#### **Partner Resources and Supports**

*In the spirit of school breakfast, check out the No Kid Hungry website for training and grant opportunities:*

#### **School Breakfast Program [Grant Opportunity](#)**

No Kid Hungry has funds available for school districts operating the School Breakfast Program and summer feeding non-congregate meal operations in Michigan this year. Complete an inquiry form linked above to provide information about your district’s need and their team will be in touch!

*The United Dairy Industry of Michigan is hosting a webinar:*

### **Building Better Breakfasts Webinar**

Register now for a free, interactive culinary education opportunity for all K-12 school nutrition professionals on Wednesday, March 5th at 2:00 p.m.

A healthy, protein-rich breakfast is the smart way to start the day but reducing added sugar can be challenging for school nutrition programs. This webinar will showcase versatile recipes that pack in the protein while reducing added sugar!

Join *Healthy School Recipes* for live chef demonstrations of practical recipes, efficient techniques and important nutritional insights, in partnership with United Dairy Industry of Michigan and American Dairy Association Indiana.

This FREE webinar can credit as one training hour (Culinary Skills 2130).

[Register Here](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **ONS Town Hall**

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Time: 2-3 PM

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88040145926?pwd=Bxd5lwRDvReuyvqtcP1xVOkYgqKb29.1>

Or Telephone: USA 404 443 6397 USA 877 336 1831 (US Toll Free) Conference Code: 806533

#### **Tuesday at 2**

Date: March 4, 2025

Time: 2-2:30 PM

Topic: Coming changes for NSLP Meal Pattern

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84515604586>

Or Telephone:

Dial:

USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 806533

**Tuesday at 2**

Date: March 11, 2025

Time: 2-2:30 PM

Topic: Professional Standards

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81068980418>

Or Telephone:

Dial:

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Conference code: 806533

**Tuesday at 2**

Date: March 18, 2025

Time: 2-2:30 PM

Topic: Equipment Procurement

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89492821832>

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