



School Nutrition News From

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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.

10 Cents Per Meal Grant

The 2019-2020 10 Cents Per Meal Grant application **is not yet available**. The reason is that the Michigan Department of Education must wait for the Governor to sign the final budget bill to begin any program planning. This bill language will determine the overall budget, eligible regions, and program dates. As soon as we know more, we will update all of you.

In the meantime, please save your local produce receipts and invoices if you are interested in the program. If you are not familiar with the 10 cents grant, this is a matching grant that can award up to \$0.10 for each meal served with produce that has been grown in Michigan. For information and success stories on the grant, visit [10 Cents A Meal](#).ⁱⁱ If you have questions regarding the grant, please contact Jaime Malnar at malnarj1@michigan.gov or 517-335-3792 or Liana Bennett at bennettL4@michigan.gov or 517-241-5349.

Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Applications

As districts are approving Free and Reduced-Price School Meals applications for School Year 2019-2020, remember to clearly state where applicants should return their completed applications. The information should include the name, address, phone number, and email address of the school district to ensure all applications are returned to the correct location. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) receives household applications every year as their address is listed under the Non-Discrimination Statement. Again, please make sure you clearly state where applicants should return their completed applications. Any questions should be sent to MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov or call 517-241-5374.

School Meals Information

If you are looking for the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application Forms for School Year 2019-2020 and other information, visit [Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application Forms](#).ⁱⁱⁱ

Food Service Administrative Memo No. 3

For information on meal, snack, and milk reimbursement rates to School Food Authorities, visit [Food Service Administrative Memo No 3](#).^{iv}

Household Information Report

We have the Household Information Report translated in Arabic and are waiting on Spanish and Bengali versions. If you need a copy of the translated Household Information Report, please contact our office by email to mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov.

Buy American and the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018

USDA has issued [Memo SP 32-2019](#)^v which addresses information in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 regarding the Buy American requirements in the national school meal programs. The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (Section 12(n), 42 USC 1760(n)), requires school food authorities to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products. This provision supports the mission of the Child Nutrition Programs, which is to serve children nutritious meals and support American agriculture.

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](#).^{vi} 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.

Talk @ 2pm

The Office of Health and Nutrition Services is excited to announce Talk @ 2pm, an exciting opportunity for professional development and training via Skype. Talk @ 2pm will typically be held 2 or more times per month throughout 2019. Join SNP staff for an informal 30-minute to 1-hour Webinar meeting. Staff will provide a brief description of the topic and the remainder of the time is open for Q & A. Registration is required. The following is information on the upcoming Talk @ 2pm topics:

Topic: APPROVING APPLICATIONS - An overview of how to process free and reduced price meal applications, benefit issuance, and common application findings from the administrative review.

When: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 – 2:00 pm

To Register: [Talk @2pm_Approving Application Registration Page](#)

Topic: WHOLE CHILD - An overview of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model and how you, as food service directors, fit into that model.

When: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – 2:00 pm

To Register: [Talk @2pm_Whole Child Registration Page](#)

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 the dates for the upcoming fall SMOT.

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](#)

Questions of the Week

Question: I have a student that transferred from a district that participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). How do I handle the 30-day carryover?

Answer: The student should receive free meals for up to 30 operating days or until a new eligibility determination for the new school year is made, whichever comes first. If a student were to transfer from a CEP building during the school year, they should receive free meals for up to 10 operating school days or until a new eligibility determination for the current school year is made, whichever comes first. Additional information can be found in [USDA Memo SP 30-2019](#).^{vii} Reminder: Requirements for Students Transferring from Provision to non-Provision Schools (attached).

Question: When can I expect my 2020 SNP MEGS+ Application to be approved?

Answer: MEGS+ applications are processed and approved in the order they are submitted. Sponsors that require July and August 2020 claims will be first priority for approval.

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

ⁱⁱ<https://www.tencentsmichigan.org/>

ⁱⁱⁱhttps://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_50144-194552--,00.html

^{iv}https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Admin_Memo_No_3_664028_7.pdf

^v<https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP32-2019os.pdf>

^{vi}https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPLUS/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=MIMDE_MEGSPPLUS&ReturnURL=/megsplus/

^{vii}<https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?keywords=sp30-2019>