

Federal and State Updates to the School Nutrition Programs

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Overview

- ★ Child Nutrition Reauthorization
- ★ Application Renewals and Upcoming Deadlines
- ★ New ESE Communication Initiatives
- ★ Other NSLP Updates and Clarifications
- ★ Administrative Reviews/Resource Management
- ★ Community Eligibility Program (CEP)
- ★ School Breakfast Challenge
- ★ USDA Foods
- ★ Professional Standards
- ★ Available and Upcoming Trainings
- ★ Resources
- ★ Participation Trends



Child Nutrition Reauthorization

- ★ Although the programs are permanently authorized, every five years Congress reviews the laws governing these programs through the reauthorization process
- ★ The current law, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296), expires September 30, 2016.



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Child Nutrition Reauthorization



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HHFKA Expires 9/30/16
Legislative Session ends 10/30/16

Steps to

Child
Nutrition
Reauthorization



What is a Conference?
...A Reconciliation

- The House and Senate Bills will have differences.
- Conferees will be appointed to reconcile any differences.
- Both Chambers must vote to pass the confereed bill.
- Upon passage in both chambers, the bill is sent to the President for signing.



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CN Reauthorization Update

★ **Senate Proposed** changes:

- ★ Allowing 80% of the grains offered with school meals be whole grain rich, allowing schools to offer occasional servings of enriched grains
- ★ Extending two additional years to meet Target 2 sodium limits: July 1, 2019
- ★ CDC and USDA will establish new guidance, designed for local governments, for safe use of salad bars and sharing tables.
- ★ Revise paid lunch equity
- ★ Return to 5-year Administrative Review Cycle
- ★ Grants (equipment, school gardens, training)



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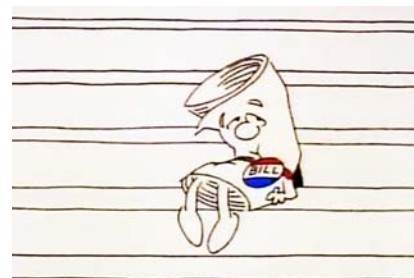
★ **House Proposed** changes:

- ★ Increasing the eligibility to participate in CEP from 40 to 60% Identified Student Percentage per school.
- ★ Return to a 5 year AR cycle (same as Senate)
- ★ Eliminates PLE (similar to Senate)
- ★ Eliminates Smarts Snacks in School: Unlimited fundraisers, soda and junk food allowed in vending machines
- ★ Allows any component of reimbursable meal to be sold as a la carte the same day
- ★ Replaces the "scientific method" of reviewing the meal standards every 5 years with district leaders such as principals, school committee members, parents etc.
- ★ 3-state pilot for "Block Grants" (amendment)



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Maybe Next Year....



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Program Renewal Applications

- ★ Annual Renewal needed to be completed by September 30, 2016. THERE ARE SOME STILL NOT SUBMITTED!!!!
- ★ Authorized Signatures: Needs to be accurate to receive emails
- ★ Compliance Packet: The Food Safety Inspection Report was due on October 3rd.
- ★ Finance Packet: Q1 (7/1-9/30) FY17 P&L Due 10/31/16



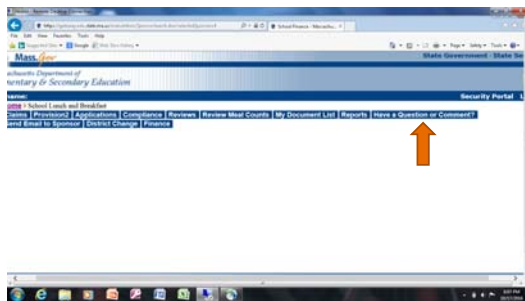
Site Applications

- ★ New section: Breakfast Model Information
- ★ Self identify service models of school breakfast programs.
- ★ Service model timing: Before or After the Bell
- ★ Service model type: cafeteria, G&G, BIC, etc.
- ★ Will be helpful in learning more about the different breakfast service models statewide and will inform outreach and training.



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District Feedback



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ESE Quarterly Newsletter



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Lunch on Half Days

- ★ All public schools must make lunches available to children (M.G.L. ch. 69 § 1C)
- ★ Districts that are not making lunch available on half days should consider the needs of all students that would otherwise not eat a healthy lunch on these shortened days
- ★ Special consideration to economically disadvantaged students who depend on school meals for nutrition



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Definition of Bad Debt

- ★ July 2016 USDA memo regarding collection of delinquent meal charges
- ★ Delinquent debt vs. bad debt
- ★ Must have charge policy by 7/1/17
- ★ Memo allows bad debt to carryover over into following year
- ★ Allows for states to set stricter policies
- ★ Per August 2014 ESE guidance, in MA bad debt cannot be carried past 6/30 and must be offset using non federal funds



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Eligibility Carryover for Transferring Students

- ★ Goal is to prevent lapses in meal benefit eligibility
- ★ New district permitted to accept written documentation from former district stating eligibility status (email suffices)
- ★ Students transferring from a CEP or Provision 2 school may be provided with free meals for up to 30 operating days (or until a new eligibility determination is made)



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Administrative Reviews (ARs)

- ★ SY16-17 AR schedule posted online under "FNP News Archives"
- ★ 154 reviews this year
- ★ Clarification: You are reviewed once every three-year cycle not once every 3 years

Three-Year Cycle
 SY13-14 Year 1
 SY14-15 Year 2
 SY15-16 Year 3

Three-Year Cycle
SY16-17 Year 1
 SY17-18 Year 2
 SY18-19 Year 3



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Administrative Reviews (ARs)

- ★ 4 AR trainings already conducted
- ★ If you missed the trainings, need additional guidance and/or have questions contact Ebonique Faria, Review Coordinator
efaria@doe.mass.edu



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Paid Lunch Equity

- ★ SFAs must, on average, charge for paid lunches at least the difference between the federal reimbursements for free and paid lunch
 - \$2.51 for SY 2012-13
 - \$2.59 for SY 2013-14
 - \$2.65 for SY 2014-15
 - \$2.70 for SY 2015-16
 - \$2.78 for SY 2016-17



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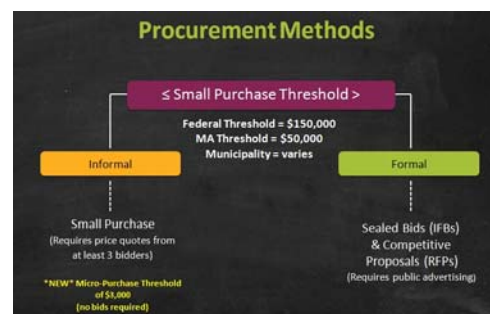
Financial Reporting

- ★ Please remember to upload your financial documents through the "Finance Packet" menu in the Security Portal. Please refer to August 2014 ESE Memo
- ★ Balance Sheet (as of 6/30/16) **was** due July 31, 2016
- ★ Q1 YTD Profit & Loss (through 9/30/2016) due October 31, 2016



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New Small Purchase Threshold Effective: 11-7-16



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How to Get Started with Local Foods Purchasing

- ★ Determine if you are able to purchase directly from a farm
- ★ If you cannot purchase directly from a farm, ask your distributor what local products they can provide
- ★ Have detailed information about your operation, including product volumes and delivery requirements
- ★ Work with the **Massachusetts Farm to School Project** to connect with a farm and start buying local!

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Direct Certification Update

- ★ Improvements for SY16-17
- ★ SASID a part of student SNAP/TANF records
- ★ Referred Eligibility: SSI, guardianship, adopted and foster eligible for MassHealth-> DC-Free
- ★ Reminder: Extension of benefits to household members
- ★ Planning phase for Direct Certification Medicaid (MassHealth) Reduced Price-> Spring 2017



Community Eligibility Provision Update

- ★ Schools provide free breakfast and lunch to all students without collecting applications
- ★ Any school district can use this option if at least one of its schools has 40 percent or more students certified for free meals without an application (called "Identified Students")
- ★ The district may implement community eligibility in one school, a group of schools or district-wide.



Massachusetts Participation in CEP

- ★ Massachusetts joined USDA pilot in 2013-14 and Boston public schools served as the pilot district
- ★ Starting in 2014-15, the program was available to all districts

School Year	Number of Districts Participating	Number of Students	Percent of State Enrollment
2013-14	1	57,000	6%
2014-15	22	142,000	15%
2015-16	48	200,000	21%
2016-17	66	239,000	25%



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Chapter 70 and Direct Certification

- ★ Direct Certification process being used for calculating number of “low income” students for state education aid formula
- ★ Your direct certification counts for school food service are not being used for Chapter 70
- ★ ESE using state enrollment data and using Virtual Gateway to determine allocations



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School Breakfast Participation

- ★ Overall, the number of school breakfasts served in SY15-16 increased **9%** statewide when compared to SY14-15 (Over 2.6 million more breakfasts)
- ★ The 49 Community Eligibility Provision districts in SY15-16, where breakfast and lunch were served free to all students, on average, saw breakfast participation increase **12%** compared to the year prior to being CEP



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School Breakfast Participation

- ★ MA ranked **9th** out of 50 states nationally for percentage growth in free and reduced price participation in breakfast (SY13-14 to SY14-15) FRAC 2016 Scorecard



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School Breakfast Participation

- ★ MA ranked **49th** in percentage of school lunch schools offering breakfast (80%)
- ★ MA ranked **43rd** in percentage of free and reduced price students participating in lunch that also participated in breakfast (46%)
- ★ **262,000** high need students do not eat breakfast at their school on any given day
- ★ Almost **30,000** high need students attend a school where breakfast isn't even being offered



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The Massachusetts School Breakfast Challenge



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MA School Breakfast Challenge

- ★ 43 districts and 158 schools have met their challenge breakfast participation goals in SY15-16



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USDA Foods

- ★ Entitlement Value
 - ★ Ordering
 - ★ Tracking dollars in ESE Security Portal
- ★ Processing Enhancement Task Force
 - ★ Evaluate system and propose changes
- ★ USDA Foods Contacts at ESE by Topic:
- ★ **DoD Fresh**: Contact **Rick Finnigan**
rfinnigan@doe.mass.edu or 781-338-6486 if you need help with orders.



USDA Foods Contact by Topic

- ★ **Processed Product** at state warehouses: Check your ticket for accuracy before scheduling your delivery! If it does not match your order, contact **Belinda Wilson**
bwilson@doe.mass.edu or **781-338-6478** for resolution before product leaves the warehouse!
- ★ **Brown Box Products** and your Offer Sheet: Contact **Ahmed Bilimoria**
abilimoria@doe.mass.edu or 781-338-6506 if you have questions on products or the amount offered on your offer sheet.



Professional Standards

- ★ State Child Nutrition Director
- ★ Local School Nutrition Director
- ★ School Nutrition Manager
- ★ Other School Nutrition Staff (not teachers)
- ★ All personnel will be required to meet annual training hours
- ★ Training Logs
- ★ Now a part of Administrative Review SY15-16



Professional Standards

2015-2016 School Year

Directors	8 hours
Managers	6 hours
All-Staff	4 hours

Beginning July 1, 2016

Directors	12 hours
Managers	10 hours
Staff	6 hours
Part-Time Staff (≤ 20 hrs/week)	4 hours
Mid-year hires in all categories (January 1 or later)	One-half of training requirements for each job category



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Resources for Professional Standards

- ★ Summary by position: www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cn/profstandards_flyer.pdf
- ★ Please keep these standards in mind as you hire new staff and plan staff training
- ★ Tracking tool (in development)
- ★ Professional Standards Bi-Fold Brochure
- ★ ESE/JSI trainings



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Making it Count



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- Absolutely **FREE!**
- **Entirely online** and accessible from anywhere with internet
- Complete some or all trainings **at your own pace**
- **Detailed videos and fun interactive activities** to enhance learning
- **Downloadable resources and handouts** to use in your kitchen
- Option for **FREE continuing education credits**
- Available in **English AND Spanish**





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Enhanced MIC



Train district and school-based personnel

- ★ Online instructional modules with videos and online interactive activities
- ★ Factsheets for nutrition topics
- ★ Teaching/training tips for supervisors and managers
- ★ Accommodate multi-lingual work force

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Lunch
Through videos (7) and interactive activities (7) you will get an overview of the National School Lunch Program, focusing on USDA Meal Pattern Requirements and Dietary Specifications. You will also learn how to better identify a Reimbursable Lunch. Special Dietary Needs outlines the procedures involved in accommodating students with various medical conditions.
See additional resources.





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2016 Nuts and Bolts of School Nutrition Programs

- ★ Ongoing in person and online trainings offered by ESE
- ★ 11/16/16 **USDA Foods/Inventory Management** (in person)
- ★ 12/14/16 **Local Wellness Policies** (online)
- ★ 1/19/17 **Afterschool, At-Risk & Extended Day Snack** (online)
- ★ 2/15/17 **Special Dietary Needs** (online)
- ★ 3/22/17 **Production Records/standardized recipes/CN labels** (in person)
- ★ 4/12/17 **Outreach & Community Engagement** (online)



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JSI and ESE

- ★ **Coming in May 23-24, 2017!**
- ★ **Healthy Kids, Healthy Programs 2-day Summit Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood**

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Free Online Resources

- ★ USDA Healthier School Day and Team Nutrition:
www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday/tools-schools
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition>



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NSLP Participation Trends

NSLP Meal Trends 2010-2016

Meal Type	SY2010-2011	SY2011-2012	% Dif	SY2012-2013	% Dif		
Lunch	89,967,538	89,061,322	-1.0%	85,466,647	-4.0%		
Breakfast	24,893,153	26,203,386	5.3%	26,360,228	0.6%		
Meal Type	SY2013-2014	% Dif	SY2014-2015	% Dif	SY2015-2016	% Dif	
Lunch	85,639,591	0.2%	85,936,867	0.3%	86,336,947	0.5%	
Breakfast	27,664,479	4.9%	29,512,133	6.7%	32,157,684	9.0%	

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Thank you!



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