



February 13, 2017

Mrs. Wendy Bracey, Superintendent  
Marion County School District  
1010 Highway 13 North Suite #2  
Columbia, MS 39429-0000

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Dear Mrs. Bracey:

The State Agency completed an Administrative Review of your organization's 2016-2017 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) for the week of January 9, 2016. The findings of the review are as follows:

**Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality**

- During the week of December 5-9, 2016, the required calories were low for the 9-12 lunch. The target calorie range for this group is 750-850; only 734 calories were met for that week.
- During the K-8 breakfast, the State Agency Staff observed children picking up toast with their bare hands from the serving line.
- Additional training on the Offer vs. Serve provision is required for the Child Nutrition staff. During the K-8 lunch at East Marion Attendance Center the State staff observed, staff requiring students to pick up additional items. The reviewers also observed a student who came through the line without a fruit or vegetable. This was corrected on-site and Technical Assistance was provided by the State Agency Staff.
- During lunch at East Marion Attendance Center (9-12), the reviewer observed pre-plated items on the serving line. Each tray with chicken and dumplings also received a roll. Pre-plating does not give the student an opportunity to choose when Offer vs. Serve is utilized. Technical Assistance was provided by the State Agency Staff. Additional training on the Offer vs. Serve provision is required.
- The State Agency Staff observed items in the production records as well as the K-8 and 9-12 serving lines, that were not included on the menu.
- The State Agency Staff observed on the K-12 menu for breakfast that fruit juice is served daily in the place of an actual fruit. No more than 1/2 of the weekly total requirement may be met with 100% fruit juice.
- Sanitation and health standards were not being followed at East Marion Attendance Center during K-8 breakfast and lunch. The State Agency Staff

observed juice stored in a container on the floor. All food items must be stored 6 inches off the floor. Technical Assistance was provided by the State Agency Staff.

### **General Program Compliance**

- The State Agency Staff observed that the snack vending machine in the teacher's lounge at East Marion Attendance Center did not meet the 50% Smart Snacks requirements. Technical Assistance was provided by the State Agency Staff.
- Production records are being maintained at East Marion Attendance Center, however, the State Agency Staff observed that the contributions of the meal components were listed by quantity and not value. Technical Assistance was provided.

### **Other Federal Programs**

- The State Agency Staff observed during the After School Care Program at East Marion Attendance Center that a 4 oz. juice was offered instead of the 6 oz. minimum requirement.

I would like to thank Mrs. Stringer and her staff for their hard work and dedication in providing meals to the students in the Marion County School District.

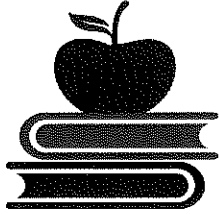
A detailed response to the above findings is due by **March 13, 2017**. If you have any questions concerning this review or need assistance, please contact me or Ginger Gibson at (601) 576-4955.

Sincerely,



Cedra T. Smith, Program Specialist  
Office of Child Nutrition

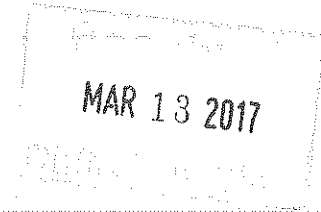
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March 7, 2017



Ms. Cedra Smith  
Program Specialist  
Office of Child Nutrition  
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Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Ms. Smith:

Listed below are the responses for our recent audit findings:

## **Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality**

We are in the process of obtaining Nutri- Kids to help us with our menus. On the other meal pattern findings, additional training has been conducted with the Managers and Cafeteria workers. They understand the findings and have corrected these items.

## **General Program Compliance**

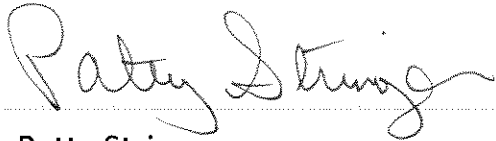
The administrators have made corrections to the vending machine contents and meet the 50% Smart Snacks requirements. The production books have been corrected and the managers are listing the value of each item.

**Other Federal Programs**

The After School Program is currently serving the 6- ounce requirement for juice.

If you need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Stringer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Patty Stringer  
Food Service Director  
Marion County Schools



Office of Child Nutrition  
**Scott Clements**  
Director

March 20, 2017

Mrs. Wendy Bracey, Superintendent  
Marion County School District  
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Dear Mrs. Bracey:

Your district's response to the findings of our Administrative Site Review of your district's 2016-2017 National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SFSP) has been received and accepted. We are closing the file on this review.

If you have any questions concerning this review or need assistance, please call Ginger Gibson or me at (601) 576-4955.

Sincerely,

Cedra Smith, Program Specialist  
Office of Child Nutrition

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