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Office of Child Nutrition
Scott Clements
Director

May 1, 2018

Miskia Davis, Superintendent
Sunflower County Consolidated School District
196 Martin Luther King Drive
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MAILED
on 5/1/18 by sw

Dear Ms. Davis:

The State Agency completed an Administrative Review of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) during the week of April 16, 2018. The regulations governing the Administrative Review (7 CFR 210.18) reference two Critical Areas of performance: Performance Standard 1 and Performance Standard 2, as well as several General Areas of Review. While findings were identified, there were no findings related to the two performance standards. Findings were identified and are described below.

General Program Compliance

- We observed an ice build-up in the freezers at Ruleville High and Robert Merritt. This requires corrective action to avoid loss of foods.
- Inventory first in first out has not been implemented properly, we observed stored violations and products dated back from 2015, 2016 and 2017 and the same products with 2018 dates – this is a serious concern [7 CFR 210.13]. To correct the issue, the district will need to submit a monthly inventory to the State Agency to review and a plan showing how the issue will be maintained (Ruleville High, Elementary and Middle School).
- We observed staff not following the recipes. USDA required recipes for all food items prepared [7 CFR 210-10]. All staff will need recipe training.
- The cashier station at Robert Merritt point of service is not in a position where a determination can accurately be made that a reimbursable meal has been served to all students [7 CFR 210.2 (7 CFR 210.7)].

Reviewer Comments

We observed students attempting to give their fruit to a teacher, although the teacher did not take the fruit, it did raise a concern. We recommend the District Superintendent explain to teachers this is a Child Nutrition Program, the funds are provided for supporting enrolled students in K-12 educational programs. The teacher is the authority figure in this situation. The child may feel pressured to comply with the teacher's wishes while at the same time going hungry [7 CFR 210.9].

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We also heard an unusual announcement over the intercom systems that said, "no selling today and teachers if students brought unhealthy snacks from home, not to let the students eat them. We have visitors from the Office of Healthy Schools." Please explain to teachers and principals that USDA does not regulate what students bring from home. The competitive food service and standards regulate items sold during the school day under the Smart Snacks regulations (7 CFR 210-11). We are providing a web link; these resources are to help schools identify food items that meet Smart Snacks criteria at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/tools-schools-focusing-smart-snacks>

We provided technical assistance (TA) in several areas to the Child Nutrition Director. These comments are located in the Mississippi Application and Reimbursement System (MARS), in the comments section of the On-site Assessment Tool. These comments are provided for the improvement of the program operations.

The Child Nutrition Director must provide in MARS a corrective action response to the findings of this review by June 7, 2018.

If you have any questions, please email me at mburks@mdek12.org or call Ginger Gibson or me at (601) 576-4955.

Sincerely,



Mary Burks, Division Director II
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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July 26, 2018

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MAILED

on 7 / 26 / 18 by sw

Dear Ms. Davis:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2017-2018 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) has been received and accepted in the Mississippi Application and Reimbursement System (MARS). 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. Thank you for your continued support of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sincerely,

Mary Burks, Director
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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