

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

June 6, 2020

Ambition Prep
Mr. DeArchie Scott, Superintendent
5331 Clinton Blvd
Jackson, MS 39209

Dear Mr. Scott:

The State Agency (SA) completed an Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and After School Care Program (ASCP) during the week of February 24, 2020. Please note that the exit conference for this AR was delayed due to unanticipated school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulations governing the Administrative Review (7 CFR 210.18) require the SA to review two Critical Areas of performance: Performance Standard 1 (Meal Access and Reimbursement) and Performance Standard 2 (Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality). The Review additionally covers several General Areas of Review. Over the course of the SA Review, **three (3) findings were identified**, including one (1) finding related to Performance Standard 1 as well as two (2) findings related to Performance Standard (2). The SA is pleased to report that **none of the findings have resulted in Fiscal Action** due to the fact that the total amount falls within the allowable disregard threshold established by federal regulation. The findings which were identified are described below.

Performance Standard 1 (Meal Access and Reimbursement)

- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.18 (g)(1)(ii), the process used by the School Food Authority (SFA) to count, record, consolidate, and report the number of reimbursable meals/snacks served to eligible children must yield correct claims. During the review, the SA noted an overclaim in the ASCP, totaling ten (10) meals. The SFA indicated to the Reviewer that a new system has been implemented to automatically count snacks and provide an edit check to assure that snacks do not exceed enrollment. In order to assure on-going corrective action, the SFA must draft and implement a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to ensure that future meal counts are accurate. A copy of the SOP must be submitted to the SA.

Performance Standard 2 (Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality)

- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.10 (d) and 7 CFR 220.8 (d), the SFA must offer two (2) varieties of fluid milk at breakfast and lunch. On the day of review (February 26, 2020), the Reviewer noted that the FSMC delivered only fat-free, unflavored milk for both breakfast and lunch. The FSMC has offered assurances to the SFA that at least two varieties of milk will be delivered in the future. In order to document corrective action,

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the SFA must draft and implement a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding receiving and signing for goods and the correct procedure to notate any items that were not received. A copy of the SOP must be submitted to the SA.

- In accordance with 7 CFR 220.8 & 7 CFR 220.3, production records must be maintained to document compliance with the meal pattern. The Reviewer noted that production records were not maintained in a way that documents compliance with the meal pattern. In order to implement and document corrective action, the SFA must provide documentation that the Child Nutrition Director (CND) has received production book training, such as that offered through DECIDE to Succeed by the SA.

The SFA's response to all areas requiring corrective action must be entered into the Mississippi Application and Reimbursement System (MARS) by the Child Nutrition Director (CND) by **July 6, 2020**.

Pursuant to regulations, an organization has the right to appeal a monetary assessment imposed. Any appeal of a monetary assessment must be filed with the SA within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of this letter. Please refer to the enclosed copy of appeal procedures.

In addition to conducting the AR, one of the functions of the SA is to provide Technical Assistance (TA). Over the course of the review, the SA Reviewer provided TA in several areas to the CND. TA is documented in MARS, specifically in the "Technical Assistance" section of the "Compliance" Module. TA is provided for the improvement of the program operations and is not considered a finding.

The SA would like to commend the SFA for their diligent efforts to operate the Child Nutrition Programs, as well as their willingness to make adjustments in order to adhere to regulations. Staff are always eager to learn, and are a pleasure with which to work. It is obvious that the priority of the staff at Ambition Prep is to provide nutritious and energizing meals for their students.

If you have any questions regarding this review, or if you would like to request additional assistance, please email me at ccrawford@mdek12.org, or call Mary Burks or me at (601) 576-5000.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

Charles Crawford, Division Director II
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July 15, 2020

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Dear Mr. Scott:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2019-2020 National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and After School Care Program (ASCP) 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 Mary Burks or me at (601) 576-5000. Thank you for your continued support of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

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