

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

March 20, 2020

North Panola Consolidated School District Cedric Richardson, Superintendent 121 McLaurin Street Sardis, MS 38666 clrichardson@northpanolaschools.org

Dear Mr. Richardson:

The State Agency (SA) completed an Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) during the week of March 2, 2020. 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, **one (1) total finding related to Performance Standard 1** was identified and is described below.

Performance Standard 1 (Meal Access and Reimbursement)

• In accordance with 7 CFR 210.18 (g) (ii), the process used by the School Food Authority (SFA) to count, record, consolidate, and report the number of reimbursable meals served to children must yield correct claims for reimbursement. The Reviewer noted that the SFA had an overclaim of (12) meals for the High School and an underclaim of (3,813) meals for the Intermediate School for the month of January 2020. This resulted in a net adjustment of (3,801) meals and an underpayment of \$13,127.37 which is explained in the chart below. This issue was corrected through a claim adjustment in the Mississippi Application and Reimbursement System (MARS). In order to implement ongoing corrective action, the SFA must submit a plan to ensure the accuracy of future claims.

January 2020						
Meal	Rate	Claimed	SA Verified	Difference	Rate	Adjustment
Type	Type					
NSLP	Free	18,503	22,247	3744	\$3.50	\$13,104.00
NSLP	Paid	279	336	57	\$.41	\$23.37
Total Net Adjustment						\$13,127.37

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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.

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 **April 20, 2020**.

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.

We commend the Child Nutrition Director for getting all of the files ready for the reviewers. We also commend the director, manager, and staff for all of their hard work and displays of genuine care for their students.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed

Jimmy May, Program Specialist Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2019/20 Pamela Boothe George, Child Nutrition Director

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April 24, 2020

North Panola Consolidated School District Mr. Cedric Richardson, Superintendent 121 McLaurin Street Sardis, MS 38666-0000 clrichardson@northpanolaschools.org

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2019-2020 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 additional assistance, please call Mary Burks or me at (601) 576-5000. Thank you for your continued support of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sincerely,



Jimmy May, Program Specialist Division of School Support Office of Child Nutrition

C: 2019-20 SFSP File Pamela George, Child Nutrition Director

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