

March 29, 2021

Copiah County School District  
Mr. Rickey Clopton, Superintendent  
254 West Gallatin St.  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083-3000

Dear Mr. Clopton:

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, 2022. An exit conference was conducted on March 25, 2022. The regulations governing the Administrative Review (7 CFR 210.18) require the SA to review two Critical Areas: 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, **five (5) total findings were identified, including one (1) relating to Performance Standard 2.** The SA is pleased to report that **none of the findings have resulted in fiscal action.** The findings which were identified are described below.

### **Performance Standard 2 (Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality)**

- Snacks served in the ASCP must follow the meal pattern as described in 210.10 (o)(2). While on site at Wesson Attendance Center, the Reviewer noted that the Site has been serving four (4) ounce juice rather than six (6) ounce juice in the ASCP as required by the meal pattern. The SA will not seek fiscal action in this matter to align with USDA guidance (COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #100). In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit a plan to ensure juice is served in six (6) ounce portion in the ASCP.

### **General Program Compliance**

- In accordance with SP 24-2017, food marketing, including depictions of food products on vending machines and coolers and other equipment, cannot promote non-compliant products. While on site at Wesson Attendance Center, the review noted that the ice cream cooler in the cafeteria is advertising non-compliant ice cream products. Furthermore, the vending machines in the hall are advertising non-compliant beverage products. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the following actions should be taken: the LEA should contact the vending company

to remove or change out the beverage advertisement; the SFA should remove or obscure the ice cream advertisement.

- In accordance with 210.13 (a), the SFA shall ensure that food storage, preparation, and service is in accordance with the sanitation and health standards established under State and local regulations. While on site at Wesson Attendance Center, the review noted milk crates being stored on the floor which is a health code violation. This was corrected immediately while the SA was on site, as such no further Corrective action is necessary.
- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.13 (d), SFAs should ensure that facilities for the storage of food products should safeguard against theft, spoilage, and other loss. While on site at Wesson Attendance Center, the Reviewer noted ice build-up in cooler which was on boxes and on the floor. This is both a food safety and physical safety hazard. A similar issue was also present at the off-site food storage facility. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must provide documentation that maintenance/vendor has come out to fix the ice build up at both Wesson and the off-site storage facility.
- In accordance with 210.15 (b)(5), The SFA must maintain records to demonstrate compliance with the food safety program including temperature records. While on site at Wesson Attendance Center, the reviewer noted that no temperature log was available for the milk cooler. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must provide proof that staff have instituted a daily temperature log for the milk cooler.

The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **April 29, 2022**. This response must be entered into the Mississippi Application and Reimbursement System (MARS) by an authorized signatory for the Child Nutrition Programs. If an authorized signatory is unable to access the Compliance module in MARS, the district must submit a corrective action plan on District letterhead that is signed by an authorized signatory.

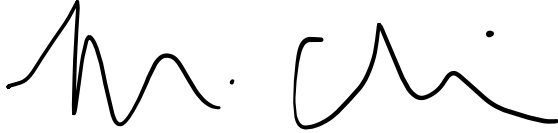
In addition to conducting the AR, one of the functions of the SA is to provide Technical Assistance (TA). During the course of the review, the SA Reviewer provided TA in several areas to the CND. TA is documented in MARS, specifically in the “Technical Assistance” section of the “Compliance” Module.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

The SA would like to commend the SFA because it is obvious that staff are extremely well-trained when it comes to OVS and the production book. Everyone was extremely welcoming and the food was very good.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Chauvin', with a period at the end.

Marianna Chauvin, Division Director II  
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2021/2022  
Jimmy Buchanan, Child Nutrition Director

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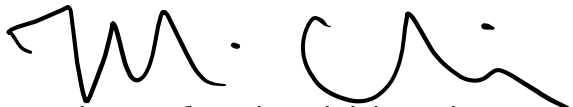
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Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2021-2022 National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and After School Care Program (ASCP) has been received and accepted in the Mississippi Application and 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,



Marianna Chauvin, Division Director II  
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