

April 8, 2022

George County Schools Mr. Wade Whitney, Executive Officer 5152 Main Street Lucedale, MS 39452-0000

Dear Mr. Whitney:

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 21, 2022. An exit conference was conducted on April 7, 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, **one (1) finding was identified.** The SA is pleased to report that **this finding has not resulted in fiscal action.** The finding which was identified is described below.

## **District/LEA Level Findings**

• In accordance with 7 CFR 210.11 (b) (2), the LEA is responsible for maintaining documentation of smart snack compliance for all foods available for sale to students in areas under its jurisdiction. The Reviewer noted that the LEA did not have nutritional information for items found in the vending machine on campus and accessible to students during the school day. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the LEA must submit documentation that all items available for purchase in the vending machines are smart snack compliant.

## **SFA Level Findings**

## None

The District **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **May 9, 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 on a job well done! The staff were very friendly and very open to information on improvements. They have an excellent rapport with the children and have appetizing food that encourages participation. Keep up the Great Work!

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,

Jimmy May, Program Specialist

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Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2021/2022

Alisa Jordan, Child Nutrition Director



May 19, 2022

George County Schools Mr. Wade Whitney, Executive Officer 5152 Main Street Lucedale, MS 39452-0000

Dear Mr. Whitney:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2021-2022 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 Mary Burks or me at (601) 576-5000. Thank you for your continued support of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sincerely,

Jimmy May, Program Specialist

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