

September 30, 2021

Madison County School District
Charlotte Seals, Superintendent
476 Highland Colony Parkway
Ridgeland, MS 39157-8727

Dear Ms. Seals:

The State Agency (SA) completed an Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) during the week of September 20-23, 2021. An exit conference was conducted on September 30, 2021. 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, **two (2) total findings were identified**. The SA is pleased to report that **none of the findings have resulted in fiscal action**. The findings which were identified are described below.

SFA FINDINGS

- None Identified

DISTRICT/LEA FINDINGS

- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.11(b), MS State Board Policy 17.2 (1), as well as SP 24-2017, competitive foods should not be served one hour prior to meal service and vending machines should not advertise non-compliant products. The Reviewer noted at Olde Town Middle that the vending machine advertised coca-cola. The vending machine should advertise smart snack compliant products only. In addition, the vending machine was not time-gated to prevent the sale of items one hour prior to meal service; this was tested by SA staff. In order to implement and demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must work with the vendor to place a timer on the machine and also remove or replace the advertising on the machine with a smart snack compliant product.
- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.11(b) as well as SP 24-2017, vending machines cannot advertise non-compliant products. The Reviewer noted at Velma Jackson that the vending machine advertised coca-cola. The vending machine should advertise smart snack compliant products only. In addition, the vending machine had products that could not be validated as smart snack compliant. In order to implement and demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must work with the

vendor to remove or replace the advertising on the machine with a smart snack compliant product. Furthermore, the SFA must submit documentation of smart snack compliance for all products in the vending machine to the SA.

The Local Education Agency (LEA) and School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **November 1, 2021**. 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 for the work ethic demonstrated by each staff member in the Child Nutrition department. It is apparent to the SA that obvious care is given to the nutrition, education, and safety of our children. The Child Nutrition department does an excellent job in all areas from presentation to record keeping.

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,



Charles Crawford, Division Director II
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2021/2022
Sharon Thompson, Child Nutrition Director

November 1, 2021

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Charlotte Seals, Superintendent
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Dear Ms. Seals:

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,



Charles Crawford, Division Director II
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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