

July 18, 2022

Piney Woods Country Life School
Willie Crossley, Executive Officer
5096 HWY 49 South
Piney Woods, MS 39148-0000

Dear Mr. Crossley:

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 April 14, 2022. An exit conference was conducted on June 24, 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, **two (2) total findings were identified, including one (1) relating to Performance Standard 1.** 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 SFA to count, record, consolidate, and report the number of reimbursable meals served to eligible children must yield correct claims. The Reviewer noted that based on the meal count sheets provided by the SFA for the month of March, there is an over claim of fifty-four (54) lunch meals and eleven (11) breakfast meals as described in the chart below. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit a corrective action plan to ensure the accuracy of future claims; this could include a second party check.

Due to a violation of 7 CFR 210.18 (g)(1)(ii), the SA has determined that the following reimbursed meals are unallowable for March 2022. Because the total amount of the overclaim falls within the allowable disregard threshold (\$600.00) established by federal regulation, the SA will not seek to recoup these funds.

Rate Desc.	Rate	Meals Claimed	Meals Verified	Paid Amount	Corrected Amount	Difference
Breakfast Reimbursement Rate	\$2.6050	600	589	\$1563.0000	\$1534.3450	\$28.6550
Lunch Reimbursement Rate	\$4.5625	746	692	3403.6250	3157.2500	246.3750
Total Overclaim						275.03

General Program Compliance: General Areas of Review

- In accordance with 210.15 (b)(5), The SFA must maintain records to demonstrate compliance with the food safety program including temperature records. The Reviewer noted that the site did not have temperature logs or interior thermometers for the dry storage area, the milk cooler, or the freezer. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must provide documentation that temperature logs are being tracked daily

The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **August 18, 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.

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). 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 being so welcoming and easy to work with. They have also been very diligent in navigating the challenges of the past few years.

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

Sincerely,



Deborah Newton, Account Auditor III
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2021/2022
Miranda Durr, Child Nutrition Director
Fidelis Malembeka, COO

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September 6, 2022

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Dear Mr. Crossley:

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 Marianna Chauvin or me at (601) 576-5000. Thank you for your continued support of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sincerely,



Deborah Newton, Procurement Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 21/22
Ms. Maranda Durr, Child Nutrition Director
Fidelis Malembeka, COO

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