

April 21, 2022

Walthall County Schools
Mr. Wade Carney, Executive Officer
814 Morse Avenue
Tylertown, MS 39667-0000

Dear Mr. Carney:

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 February 22, 2022. An exit conference was conducted on April 13, 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, **four (4) total findings were identified, including three (3) relating to Performance Standard 1 and 2.** 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 edit checks provided by the SFA for the month of January there is an over claim of three (3) 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 January 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	11355	11352	\$29,579.775	\$29,571.96	-\$7.815

Performance Standard 2 (Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality)

- Meals planned and served as part of the NSLP must align with the meal pattern as described in 7 CFR 210.10 (c). During the meal observation, the Reviewer noted that staff planned to offer only a half cup of vegetable for all age groups. The meal pattern requires 3/4 cup of vegetable for K-8. Even though prior lunch meals served did not align with 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 retrain staff on the meal pattern requirements. The SFA must submit proof of training to the SA as well as production records indicating that the meal pattern is being followed.
- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.10 (i), a nutrient analysis should be used to determine the weighted average of calories, saturated fat, and sodium in the meals offered to each grade group over a school week meet federal requirements. The SFA did not submit sufficient documentation to the SA to ensure compliance with calories, saturated fat, or sodium. Furthermore, the weekly certification reports do not indicate compliance with fruit, vegetable subgroups, milk, or grains. 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 weekly certification reports and base menu spreadsheets for each age group, indicating compliance with all meal pattern requirements.

General Areas of Review

- In accordance with FNS 113-1, Section IX (B) (1), the site must prominently display the USDA nondiscrimination poster "And Justice for All." While on-site, the Reviewer noted that the wrong AJFA poster was displayed. The SA has mailed the sponsor the correct posters. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA need to submit proof that the correct AJFA poster has been posted.

The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **May 23, 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.

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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 staff’s dedication to providing students with delicious meals.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chelsea Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chelsea Edwards, Program Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2021/2022
Danielle Hall, Child Nutrition Director

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July 6, 2022

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Dear Mr. Carney:

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; however, the SA will continue to provide Technical Assistance to the SFA regarding the CN Programs.

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,



Chelsea Edwards, Program Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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Danielle Hall, Child Nutrition Director

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