

March 16, 2022

Yazoo City Municipal School District
Dr. Jermall Wright, Superintendent
1133 Calhoun Avenue
Yazoo City, MS 39194-0000

Dear Dr. Wright:

The State Agency (SA) completed an Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), After School Care Program (ASCP), and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) during the week of February 15, 2022. An exit conference was conducted on March 4, 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 findings has not resulted in fiscal action**. The finding which was identified is described below.

General Program Compliance (General Areas of Review)

- In accordance with FNS 791-1 Rev. 1, sites are prohibited from denying meals to students as a disciplinary action. The Reviewer observed a teacher taking a meal from a student as a form of punishment. In order to demonstrate and implement corrective action, the district must provide documentation that staff, including teachers, have been trained on the prohibition against denying meals as a disciplinary action.

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

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 Director and staff work very well together. The staff has built a rapport with students. They also demonstrate a sincere care and concern for the students. 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 dnewton@mdek12.org or call Mary Burks or me at (601) 576-5000.

Sincerely,

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

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

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2021/2022
Aldena Snow, Child Nutrition Director
Gail Hodo, SFS Administrator

April 20, 2022

Yazoo City Municipal School District
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1133 Calhoun Avenue
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Dear Dr. Wright:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2021-2022 National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), 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,



Deborah Newton, Accountant Auditor III
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