OCN Update for SFAs

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ALL Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas

EVERY Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career

EVERY Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

EVERY School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders

EVERY Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes

EVERY School and District is Rated “C” or Higher
To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens.

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community.
All SFAs are participating in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for SY 2021-2022

USDA has allowed the use of Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) reimbursement rates for this SY

This rate is approximately 15% higher than normal NSLP Rates
SFSP Reimbursement Increase

• USDA announced an increase to SFSP rates on Jan 7, 2022
• January Claims for reimbursement will be at the higher rates
• These higher rates will be added to MARS at COB today
  • Lunch: 24.5 cent increase
  • Breakfast: 14 cent increase
  • Snack: 5.50 cent increase

• USDA Announces Increased Funding to Support School Meals and to Help Continue Serving Healthy Meals to Kids | USDA
Amending Claims

- Prior to SY 2021-2022, SFSP rates were not allowed for NSLP
- January rate announcements had no impact as they were not used until May
- MARS and other systems were not developed to use SFSP rates for NSLP
- We are still testing how the system will process amended claims
- If you must amend a claim please contact Marianna Chauvin before doing so: mchauvin@mdek12.org
Seamless Summer Option Meal Pattern

• OCN has conducted several Administrative Reviews this year
• Beneficial to SFAs as the process is streamlined/abbreviated and more of the AR is conducted offsite
• Recurring meal pattern violations
• SSO meal pattern = NSLP
• **SSO ≠ SFSP**
• Make sure menu planning reflects NSLP
• Site Managers must understand meal pattern to make substitutions
OCN will reimburse SFAs for USDA Foods delivery fees incurred in SY 2020-2021

- Amount to SFAs: $941,219.88
- SFSAs will receive an email immediately following this meeting
- Check with Business Officer to make sure funds are deposited into the CN account
USDA has allocated additional funds to assist with increased costs resulting from supply chain issues

- MS will receive $11,296,031
- OCN will disburse formula-calculated payments to eligible SFAs
- Base payment of $5,000 to all eligible school districts
- Plus a proportional funding amount based on each SFA’s share of statewide student enrollment
• Disbursement expected in April 2022
• All SFAs will sign an Attestation regarding the use of funds
• Must be used for unprocessed or minimally processed foods
• All foods must be 100% Buy American
• Details to be shared in a future meeting as USDA provides additional guidance
USDA Supply Chain Assistance Funds, 2

- Additional USDA Foods funding
- MS to receive $3,605,891
- Potential items:
  - Beef Patties
  - Sliced Turkey Breast
  - Chicken Fajita Strips
  - Orange juice cups
We anticipate P-EBT for SY 2021-2022 and Summer 2022

Strongly encourage SFAs to make full use of Direct Certification

Send letter to parents notifying them of eligibility status

After notification, promote the use of Income Applications to families that are not DC and/or have not applied

**REMINDER:** All SFAs must conduct DC matches, make applications available to families, process applications within 10 days, and notify families of their status
• MDHS will begin promoting new P-EBT in the upcoming weeks
• Get ahead with DC and letters to parents

SY 2020-2021 Update:
• MDE is working with MDHS to use SY 2019-2020 eligibility data from MSIS to reach families that normally would have been eligible but did not apply due to free meals and/or school level barriers to applying
Summary of Estimated Additional Funding Summary for SY 2021-2022

- Emergency Operating Costs: $20,265,584
- USDA Foods Delivery Fees Reimbursements: $941,219.88
- Supply Chain Assistance to SFAs: $11,296,031
- Meals Reimbursement increases from SFSP/SSO: $98,610,000
  - Includes increase due to larger number of meals served
- Additional increase from SFSP Rate Adjustment: $8,500,000
- USDA Foods Supplement: $3,605,891

Total: $148,218,726
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