

September 11, 2023

Ambition Preparatory Charter School  
Mr. Dearchie Scott, Head of School  
5331 Clinton Boulevard  
Jackson, MS 39209-3033

Dear Mr. Scott:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2022-2023 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,



Tiffany Powell, Director of Monitoring  
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2022-2023  
Ms. Sharon Harris, Chief of Staff

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December 20, 2022

Ambition Preparatory Charter School  
Mr. DeArchie Scott, Superintendent  
5331 Clinton Blvd  
Jackson, MS 39209-3003

Dear Mr. Scott:

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 December 5, 2022. An exit conference was conducted on December 15, 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 are relating to Performance Standard 2.** The findings which were identified are described below.

### **Performance Standard 2**

- According to SP40-2017, any meal component substitutions must be requested by a state-licensed physician (prescriber). The SA noted that the SFA substituted water for milk instead of a prescribed alternative, which resulted in 4 students not receiving a reimbursable meal. The SFA also did not have the proper documentation from a State licensed Physician for 3 of the 4 students stating the allergy and the recommended substitution for the child. The SA will not seek fiscal action because the total falls below the Federal disregard threshold. The SFA must submit a corrective action to ensure correct documentation is obtained for all substitutions.
- Breakfast meals served must follow the meal pattern outlined in 7 CFR 220.8(c). Based on the production record, nutrient analysis, and menu, the SFA did not serve enough fruit on November 10, 2022, which resulted in a total of 305 non-reimbursable breakfast meals. Due to it being the first offense, the SA will not seek fiscal action. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit a planned menu indicating meal pattern compliance. All staff should receive training on meal components and quantities.
- Lunch meals served must follow the meal pattern outlined in 7 CFR 210.10(c). Based on the production, nutrient analysis, and menu, the SFA did not serve enough Vegetables on November 10 & 11, 2022 which resulted in a total 623 non-

reimbursable Lunch meals. Due to it being the first offense, the SA will not seek fiscal action. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit a planned menu indicating meal pattern compliance. All staff should receive training on meal components and quantities.

- According to 7 CFR 210.10(i), meals served must comply with the meal pattern for calories, sodium, and whole grain. Based on the Nutrient Analysis, the SFA's calories and sodium are too high for lunch. SFA also did not meet the 80% whole grain rich requirement. SFA must revise the menu to ensure that the whole grain requirements are met and to assure that high-calorie and high-sodium items are balanced throughout the week.

The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by January 27, 2023. 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 staff were very friendly and worked very well together. They have an excellent rapport with the children and have appetizing food that encourages participation. I would like to commend the Director for the creative and innovative things that are happening with child nutrition in the district. 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 [jmay@mdek12.org](mailto:jmay@mdek12.org) or call Marianna Chauvin or me at (601) 576-5000.

Sincerely,

Jimmy May, Program Specialist  
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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