

September 11, 2023

Chickasaw County School District
Mr. John Ellison, Superintendent
P.O. Drawer 351
Houston, Ms. 38851-0000

Dear Mr. Ellison:

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
Lisa Voyles, Child Nutrition Director

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May 16, 2023

Chickasaw County School District
Mr. John Ellison, Superintendent
636 Starkville Road
Houston, MS 38851-0000

Dear Mr. Ellison:

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 17, 2023. An exit conference was conducted on May 4, 2023. 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 **none of the findings have resulted in fiscal action**. The findings which were identified are described below:

General Program Compliance (General Areas of Review)

- In accordance with 7 CFR 245.6a (e)(1), prior to any other verification activity, a confirming official must review each approved application selected for verification to ensure the initial determination was accurate. Any LEA that conducts a confirmation review of all applications at the time of certification is not required to conduct confirmation reviews prior to verification. The confirmation review must be done by an individual other than the individual who made the initial eligibility determination. The Reviewer noted that the SFA did not complete a confirmation review during verification. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit a plan to confirm original eligibility determination before contacting the family and maintain documentation that the confirmation review has occurred.

The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **June 15, 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 for being well prepared for the Administrative Review. We would like to applaud your staff for serving appetizing food which encourages participation. Staff worked very well together and had a great rapport with the students.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yumetrice Fulton', written in a cursive style.

Yumetrice Fulton, Program Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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