

# OCN Update for SFAs

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**ALL** Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas



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



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

**EVERY** School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders

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

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**EVERY** School and District is Rated “C” or Higher

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## VISION

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



## MISSION

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

- 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](#)

- 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](mailto:mchauvin@mdek12.org)**

- 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
- SFAs 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

- 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
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- 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

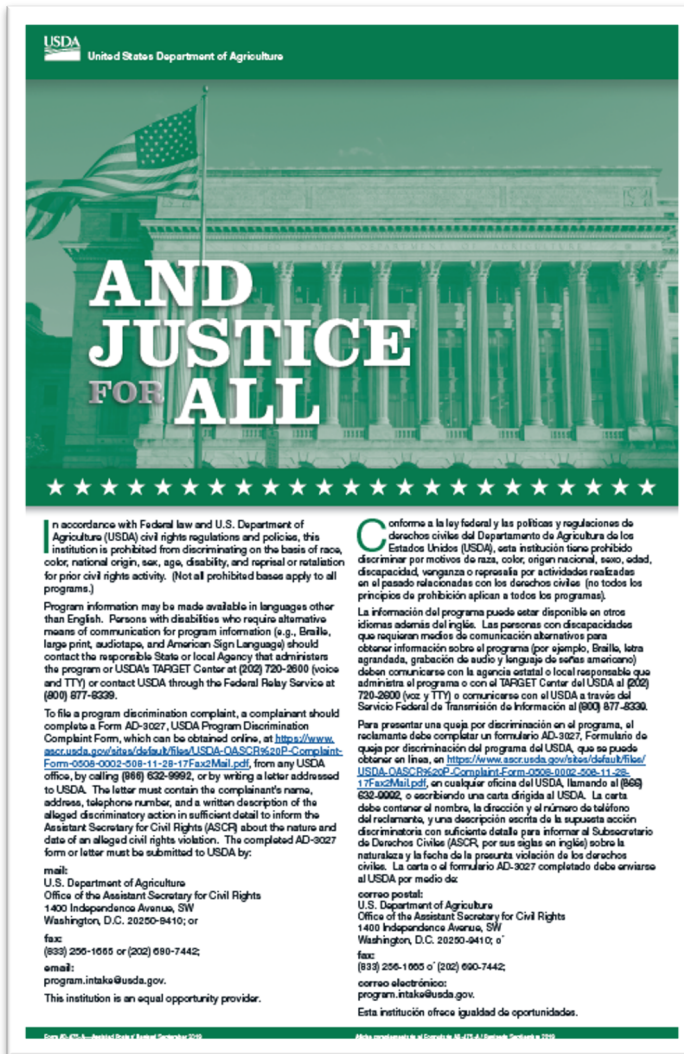
- Emergency Operating Costs: \$20,265,584
- USDA Foods Delivery Fees Reimbursements: \$941,219.88
- Supply Chain Assistance to SFAs: \$11,296,031
- Meals Reimbursement increases from SFSP/SSO: \$98,610,000
  - Includes increase due to larger number of meals served
- Additional increase from SFSP Rate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

**Total: \$148,218,726**

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