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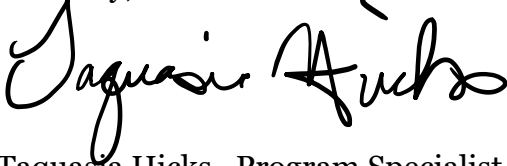
Kemper County School District
Mr. Hilute Hudson, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Hudson:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2023-2024 National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), 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 Gerardo Padilla or me at (601) 576-5000. Thank you for your continued support of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sincerely,



Taquasia Hicks, Program Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2023-2024
Dr. Fredrick Hickman, Child Nutrition Director

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December 29, 2023

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Dear Mr. Hudson:

The State Agency (SA) completed an Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), After School Care Program during the week of November 27, 2023. An exit conference was conducted on December 14, 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, **two (2) total findings were identified, including number (1) relating to Performance Standard 1/2.** The SA is pleased to report that **none of the findings have resulted in fiscal action.** The findings which were identified are described below.

Performance Standard 2 (Meal Access and Reimbursement)

- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.10 (i) Any nutrient analysis, whether conducted by the State agency under § 210.18 or by the school food authority, must be performed in accordance with the procedures established in paragraph (i)(3) of this section. In order to demonstrate corrective Action, the SFA must attend a nutrition analysis training by the SA and reanalyze their nutrition analysis for the week of review.

General Program Compliance (General Areas of Review)

- In accordance with 7 CFR 210.13 (d), SFAs should ensure that facilities for the storage of food products safeguard against theft, spoilage, and other loss. During the observation at Kemper County Lower Elementary School, the Reviewer noted the staff was not implementing First in First Out (FIFO) correctly, as ice build up was present, all food items are not dated correctly, and open bags of food are not stored in containers with tight fitted lids. In order to demonstrate corrective Action, the SFA must provide documentation showing that the ice build-up has

been resolved and is no longer a hazard, as well as, provide update pictures of the freezers.

The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **January 14, 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 I would like to commend the staff at Kemper County Lower Elementary and Kemper County High school for their customer provided to the students, as well as, prompt the responses received from Mrs. Payne during the administrative review.

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

Sincerely,



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