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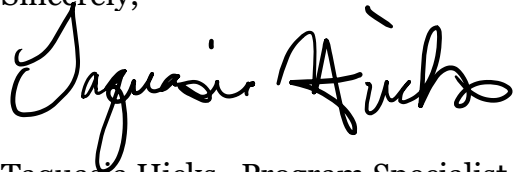
Noxubee County School District  
Dr. Washington Cole, Superintendent  
37 Gandy Tindal Road  
Macon, MS 39341  
WCole@ourncsd.org

Dear Dr. Cole:

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  
Mrs. Carolyn Jenkins, Child Nutrition Director

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May 1, 2024

Noxubee County School District  
Dr. Washington Cole, Superintendent  
37 Gandy Tindal Road  
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Dear Dr.Cole:

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 8, 2024 and April 22, 2024. An exit conference was conducted on April 30, 2024. 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, **number (1) total findings were identified, including number (0) 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.

### **General Program Compliance (General Areas of Review)**

- In accordance with to 7 CFR 210.13, the school food authority is required to create a written food safety program that includes all areas where food is stored, prepared, or served. On the day of review, the reviewer observed a dead mouse between picture frames located at the back of the kitchen. This area falls within the scope of the food safety program required by 7 CFR 210.13(c). The presence of a dead rodent suggests a possible pest infestation and represents a breach of sanitary conditions. In order to demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must provide pest control records to the SA for the months of March, April, and May.

The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **June 1, 2024.** 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 State Agency (SA) acknowledges and appreciates the School Food Authority (SFA) team for their unwavering dedication and positive approach in serving the children. Their enthusiasm and commitment are evident in their daily interactions and efforts to provide nutritious meals. Additionally, the exemplary organization of the freezers and coolers serves as a testament to the team’s rigorous adherence to Food Inventory Control Office (FICO) procedures. This meticulous management not only ensures food safety and quality but also demonstrates the team's overall commitment to maintaining high standards in their operations. The SA’s recognition underscores the importance of these practices in promoting a healthy and efficient food service environment.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taquasia Hicks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Taquasia Hicks, Program Specialist  
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Carolyn Jenkins, Child Nutrition Director