

April 16, 2025

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Carroll County School District
Mr. Joey Carpenter, Superintendent
101 Williamson Street
PO Box 256
Carrollton, MS 38917

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2024-2025 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 Gerardo Padilla or me at (601) 576-5000. Thank you for your continued support of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sincerely,



Kaneisha Barnett, Program Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2024-2025
Ms. Angel Story, Food Service Administrator

April 8, 2025

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101 Williamson Street
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Dear Mr. Carpenter,

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 2, 2024. An exit conference was conducted on February 14, 2025. In accordance with 7 CFR 210.18, the AR includes a review of two Critical Areas—Performance Standard 1 (Meal Access and Reimbursement) and Performance Standard 2 (Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality)—as well as several General Areas of Review. Over the course of the review, one (1) finding was identified under General Program Compliance. The SA is pleased to report that no fiscal action is required as a result of the finding. A description of the finding is provided below:

Performance Standard 1 (Meal Access and Reimbursement)

- During the certification and benefit issuance review, two meal applications were identified with incorrect eligibility statuses. Per 7 CFR 210.18(g)(1), all meals claimed for reimbursement must be served only to students eligible for free, reduced-price, or paid meals, and must be counted, recorded, consolidated, and reported through a system that consistently yields correct claims. Noncompliance in this area can result in financial penalties, operational issues, and adversely affect the LEA's ability to serve students. This issue was corrected on-site.

General Program Compliance (General Areas of Review)

- The reviewer observed significant ice buildup in the freezer at J.Z. George High School. In addition, food items must be stored at least six inches from the ceiling and six inches off the floor, and the First In, First Out (FIFO) inventory management method must be followed. In accordance with 7 CFR 210.13, the school food authority must ensure that all storage, preparation, and food service facilities are properly maintained and safeguard against spoilage, theft, or other loss. To demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit documentation verifying that the ice buildup has been addressed and is no longer a hazard.

The School Food Authority (SFA) must submit a corrective action response addressing all findings by **May 8, 2025**. This response must be entered into the Mississippi

Application and Reimbursement System (MARS) by an authorized signatory for the Child Nutrition Programs. If the authorized signatory does not have access to the Compliance module in MARS, the corrective action plan may be submitted on district letterhead and must be signed by an authorized signatory.

In addition to conducting the review, the SA provided Technical Assistance (TA) in several areas to support continued program improvement. Documentation of TA can be found in the "Technical Assistance" section of the Compliance module in MARS. Please note that TA is not considered a finding.

The SA would like to commend the Carroll County School District for its outstanding customer service provided to students, and we especially appreciate the timely and professional communication from Ms. Story throughout the administrative review process.

If you have any questions regarding this review or need additional assistance, please feel free to contact me at **kbarnett@mdek12.org** or by phone at **(601) 576-5000**.

Sincerely,



Kaneisha Barnett, Program Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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Ms. Angel Story
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