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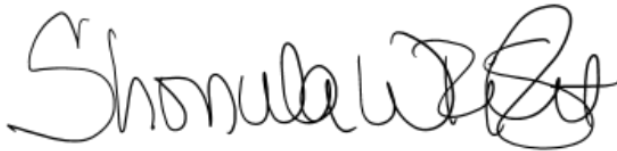
Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind  
Mr. LaMarlon Wilson, Superintendent  
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2024-2025 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) 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 me at (601) 576-5000. Thank you for your continued support of the Child Nutrition Programs.

Sincerely,



Shonula Wright, Program Specialist  
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: Paula McClain, Child Nutrition Director [paula.mcclain@msdbk12.org](mailto:paula.mcclain@msdbk12.org)  
File NSLP (AR) 2024-2025

April 8, 2025

## **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

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 **November 19, 2024**. An exit conference was conducted on **February 11, 2025**. The regulations governing the Administrative Review (**7 CFR 210.18**) require the SA to evaluate two Critical Areas: Performance Standard 1 (Meal Access and Reimbursement) and Performance Standard 2 (Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality). The review also covers several General Areas of Review.

Over the course of the AR, two (2) total findings were identified, neither of which was associated with Performance Standards 1 or 2. The SA is pleased to report that none of the findings resulted in fiscal action. The findings are described below:

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

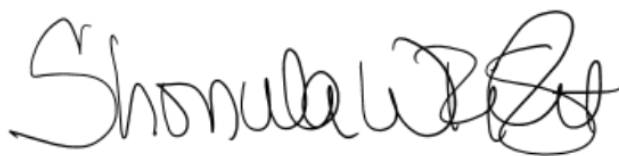
- On the day of review, the reviewer observed significant ice buildup in the freezer. In accordance with **7 CFR 210.13(a)**, the School Food Authority (SFA) must ensure that food storage, preparation, and service comply with sanitation and health standards established under State and local law and regulations. Failure to adhere to these standards can result in foodborne illness and other health risks. To implement corrective action, please submit a maintenance request for freezer repair and provide proof of the repair to the SA.
- The reviewer also confirmed that only one health inspection had been conducted during the current school year. In accordance with **7 CFR 210.13(b)**, schools must obtain a minimum of two food safety inspections per school year, conducted by a State or local governmental agency responsible for food safety. Schools must post the most recent inspection report in a publicly visible location and provide a copy to members of the public upon request. As corrective action, the SFA must submit a written response confirming that it will obtain—or actively attempt to obtain—two health inspections during each school year moving forward.

The SFA must provide a corrective action response to all findings by **May 8, 2025**. This response must be submitted in 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 may submit a corrective action plan on district letterhead, signed by an authorized signatory.

In addition to conducting the AR, the SA also provides Technical Assistance (TA). During this review, the SA reviewer provided TA in several areas to the Child Nutrition Director (CND). TA is documented in MARS, specifically in the “Technical Assistance” section of the “Compliance” module. TA is intended to support program improvement and is not considered a finding.

The SA would like to commend Ms. McClain, Ms. Williams, and their staff for serving appetizing meals that promote student participation. Most notably, it was especially meaningful to witness the positive, thoughtful interactions between staff and students. Ms. McClain and Ms. Williams were well-prepared for the review and demonstrated both professionalism and a welcoming, responsive attitude throughout the process. If you have any questions regarding this review or would like to request additional assistance, please email me at [sdwright@mdek12.org](mailto:sdwright@mdek12.org) or call me at **(601) 576-5000**.

Sincerely,



Shonula Wright, Program Specialist  
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