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ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Republic Schools, Inc.
Mrs. Angela Bass, Regional Executive Director
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Dear Mrs. Bass:

The State Agency (SA) completed an Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), After School Care Program (ASCP), and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) during the week of January 29, 2025. An exit conference was conducted on May 2, 2025. The SA is pleased to report that over the course of the Review, **no findings were identified**. We are closing the district's file for this review period. No response is necessary.

Although no findings were identified, the State Agency observed and documented relevant situations and processes to support the improvement of common practices, enhance marketing efforts, and promote continued learning and development within the Child Nutrition Department. The following observations were noted:

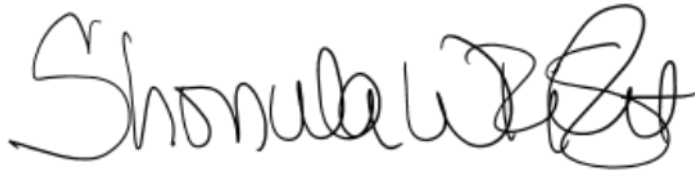
The reviewer observed that free potable water was too far from the cafeteria. The SA recommended to the SFA that a cooler or pitcher of water be made available to students during meal service but not competing with fluid milk.

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 Child Nutrition Director (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 Republic Schools, Inc. All staff we encountered were on point without missing a beat on-site and requesting documentation. The food was very appetizing and encouraged participation. The SA would like to commend the SFA for the astonishing teamwork between Republic Schools' staff and the Food Service Management Company's staff during the duration of this Administrative Review.

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

Sincerely,



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