

May 12, 2025

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Resurrection Catholic Mrs. Susan Whitehead, Superintendent 520 Watts Ave. Pascagoula, MS 39567

Dear Mrs. Whitehead:

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,

Taquasia Hicks, Director of Monitoring

Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: File NSLP (AR) 2024-2025

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Mrs. Halley Mallette, Administrator



April 8, 2025

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Mrs. Sharon Whitehead, Principal Resurrection Catholic School 520 Watts Ave Pascagoula, MS 39657

Dear Mrs. Whitehead:

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) during the week of **November 4**, **2025**. An exit conference was conducted on **February 20**, **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 includes several General Areas of Review.

Over the course of the review, two (2) total findings were identified—one (1) related to Performance Standard 1, and one (1) related to General Program Compliance. The SA is pleased to report that none of the findings resulted in fiscal action. A description of the findings is provided below:

Performance Standard 1 (Certification and Benefit Issuance)

During meal application verification, six applications were identified with incorrect eligibility statuses. Three of these applications also included additional household members. In accordance with 7 CFR 210.18(g)(1), all free, reduced- price, and paid school meals claimed for reimbursement must be served only to children eligible for those respective categories and must be counted, recorded, consolidated, and reported through a system that consistently yields accurate claims. Additionally, meal applications must be completed in full, including signatures from both the determining and confirming officials.

General Program Compliance (General Areas of Review)

On the day of review, all students, regardless of grade level (grades 6-8 and 9-12), were served the same food options. In accordance with 7 CFR 210.10(c)(1), schools must plan menus according to the following grade groups: K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Adherence to the appropriate meal pattern for each grade group is essential for ensuring compliance with calorie and sodium requirements. To demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must review the National School Lunch Program meal pattern guidance and submit a sample one-week menu with separate meal plans for grades 6-8 and grades 9-12.



The School Food Authority (SFA) must provide a corrective action response to all findings no later than **April 20**, **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 does not have access to the Compliance module in MARS, the district may submit a corrective action plan on district letterhead, signed by the authorized signatory.

In addition to conducting the AR, one of the responsibilities 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 intended to improve program operations and is not considered a finding.

The SA would like to commend the SFA for demonstrating exceptional customer service. The facility was clean, well-organized, and provided a welcoming environment. Staff exhibited thorough knowledge of meal pattern requirements.

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

Sincerely,

Taquasia Hicks, Director of Monitoring

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Mrs. Haley Mallette

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