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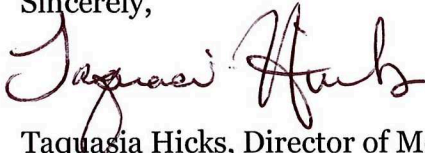
Dr. JoAnn Rucker, Superintendent
Instant Impact Global Prep
319 Highway 61 South
Natchez, MS 39120

Dear Mr. Rucker:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2024-2-25 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 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
Sonya Brown, Child Nutrition Director

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July 15, 2025

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Dr. JoAnn Rucker, Executive Director
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Dear Dr. Rucker:

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 March 30, 2025. An exit conference was conducted on May 2, 2025. 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, **two (2) total findings were identified**. 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

During the breakfast observation, scrambled eggs were pre-plated and did not maintain the holding temperature of at least 135 degrees. In accordance with 7 CFR 210.13(c), the school food authority must adhere to their written food safety program, specifically the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles. The consequence of not conducting temperature checks heightens the risk of foodborne issues, potential regulatory penalties, and low-quality food. The SFA must retrain the staff about critical control points and send the agenda and sign-in sheet to the SA.

Signage explaining the requirements for a reimbursable meal was not present. 7 CFR 210.18(g)(2)(i)(B) mandates the observation of meals at the start, middle, and end of the service line to verify that signage to help students identify a reimbursable meal. Without clear signage, a child might inadvertently select a meal lacking all the necessary components, directly impacting whether the child receives a nutritious meal. The School Food Authority (SFA) must display signs in the dining area that clearly illustrate what constitutes a reimbursable meal. Additionally, the SFA needs to provide photos of these signs to the State Agency (SA).

The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **August 15, 2025**. 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

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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 SA would like to commend the SFA for their exceptional organization and efficiency in managing daily meal services. Their processes ensure every student receives hot and nutritious meals.

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

Sincerely,

Taquasia Hicks, Director of Monitoring
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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