

November 3, 2025

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Dr. Del Phillips, Superintendent
South Panola School District
209 Boothe Street
Batesville, MS 38606-0000

Dear Dr. Phillips:

We have received your corrective action plan regarding your 2025 Administrative Review. The State Agency accepts the corrective action presented and is closing the file on this review.

If you have any questions regarding this review, or if you need further assistance, please contact me at (601) 576-5000.

Sincerely,



Kaneisha Barnett- Greer/Program Specialist

Office of Child Nutrition/School Support Division

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October 1, 2025

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Dr. Del Phillips, Superintendent
South Panola School District
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Batesville, MS 38606

Dear Dr. Phillips:

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 March 3, 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, one (1) total finding was identified. The SA is pleased to report that the finding did not result in fiscal action. The findings are described below.

Meal and Nutritional Quality

The School Food Authority (SFA) initially submitted a nutrient analysis to the State Agency (SA) that did not meet USDA compliance standards. For the week of review for South Panola High School's breakfast, calories were too low, falling below the required 450-600 calorie range each day. For lunch, sodium exceeded the weekly average limit of 1280mg, and the average saturated fat content exceeded the 10% threshold of total calories. In accordance with 7 CFR 210.10(f)(1) and 7 CFR 210.10(f)(2), the average calorie content of meals must fall between 750-850 calories for grades 9-12, and the total calories from saturated fat must be less than 10%.

The SFA must submit a corrective action plan detailing the measures taken to ensure future meal compliance for calories, sodium, and saturated fat. Additionally, the SFA must submit their nutrient analysis for the week of September 22, 2025- September 26, 2025 operations to demonstrate meal nutrient compliance. Serving meals with excessive sodium and saturated fat can negatively impact student health and well-being. Furthermore, future violations could result in non-compliant meals being disallowed and subject to fiscal action.

The School Food Authority (SFA) **must provide a corrective action response to all findings** of the Review by **November 1, 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 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 SA's functions is to provide Technical Assistance (TA). During 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 was provided for the improvement of the program operations and is not considered a finding.

The SA would like to commend the SFA for the following: the food was appetizing and encouraged participation. The staff demonstrated excellent teamwork.

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

Sincerely,

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