

November 26, 2025

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Mr. Tony Young, Superintendent West Tallahatchie School District 6470 Friendship West Road Webb, Mississippi 38966

Dear Mr. Young:

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 Chris Salley 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

Mr. Lorenzo Windless, Child Nutrition Director



March 18, 2025

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

West Tallahatchie Consolidated School District Dr. Sherry Ellington, Superintendent P.O. Box 129 Webb, MS 38966 sherryellington@wtsd.k12.ms.us

Dear Dr. Ellington:

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 December 6, 2024. 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 also includes several General Areas of Review. Over the course of the SA Review, two (2) findings were identified, both related to Performance Standard 2. The SA is pleased to report that none of the findings have resulted in fiscal action. These findings are described below.

Performance Standard 2 (Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality)

- The reviewer noted that the nutrient analysis for the week of review indicated sodium and calorie levels exceeding recommended limits, and minimum grain requirements were not achieved. In accordance with 7 CFR 210.10, meals claimed for reimbursement must adhere to the meal pattern established by USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). To demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit a corrected nutrient analysis, including updated recipes, ingredient labels, and serving sizes, demonstrating compliance with the meal pattern. Failure to comply may result in disallowance of non-compliant meals and subsequent fiscal penalties.
- The reviewer identified incomplete production records for component contribution for several items, mainly chef salads, during the month of review. In accordance with 7 CFR 210.10(c), SFAs must maintain accurate production and menu records that demonstrate daily how offered meals meet required meal components and food quantities for each age/grade group. The SA recommends maintaining separate production records for the 6-8 and 9-12 grade groups. To demonstrate corrective action, the SFA must submit one week of corrected production records for review, including portion sizes, ingredient contributions, and menu documentation. Additionally, all staff must be retrained on record-keeping procedures, and the SFA must submit training documentation to the SA. Failure to maintain accurate records may result in future meal disallowance and



fiscal penalties.

The School Food Authority (SFA) must provide a corrective action response for all findings by April 18, 2025. This response must be entered into the Mississippi Application and Mississippi Application 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, signed by an authorized signatory.

During the course of the review, Technical Assistance (TA) was provided in several areas. TA is documented in MARS under the "Technical Assistance" section of the "Compliance" module. While TA is not considered a finding, the SFA must implement the guidance provided to ensure future compliance.

The SA would like to commend the SFA for its commitment to providing quality meals to the students of the West Tallahatchie School District. The reviewer was impressed by the cleanliness of the kitchen and dining hall. The meals served on the day of review appeared well-prepared and nutritious. The reviewer also appreciated the staff's use of "cooking to the line" to ensure that all students had fresh, hot food. The reviewer would like to thank Mr. Skipper and his staff for their hospitality during the on-site portion of the review.

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

Sincerely,

Chris Salley, Program Specialist

Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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Mr. Robert Skipper, Child Nutrition Director