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**ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

Mrs. Jennifer Blount, Head of School  
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Dear Mrs. Blount:

Your response to the findings of our Administrative Review of your 2024-2025 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) 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,

Shonula Wright, Program Specialist  
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

c: Mrs. Neffy Straughter, School Nutrition Coordinator  
File NSLP (AR) 2024-2025

July 24, 2025

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Dear Mrs. Blount:

The State Agency (SA) completed an Administrative Review (AR) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and After School Care Program (ASCP) during the week of January 22, 2025. An exit conference was conducted on January 27, 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 **none of the findings have resulted in fiscal action**. The finding that was identified is described below.

### Performance Standard 1 (Certification and Benefit Issuance)

- During the meal application verification process, two applications were identified with incorrect eligibility statuses: one application's status was changed from Reduced to Free using household income and the second application's status was changed from Reduced to Free using the SNAP number. Incorrectly classifying students in the NSLP and SBP can result in inaccurate reimbursement claims and violate federal regulations governing program eligibility resulting in a child potentially losing benefits of the program. This non-compliance may lead to findings or repayment of federal funds, as outlined in 7 CFR 210.18 and 7 CFR 245.7. The School Food Authority (SFA) corrected the students' statuses and notified the household regarding the change in benefits while on site. In addition, the SFA must make adjustments to the claims and correct the misclassification.

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 demonstrating exceptional customer service. The facility was clean, well-organized, and provided a welcoming environment. Staff exhibited thorough knowledge of the meal pattern requirements.

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

Sincerely,

Shonula Wright, Program Specialist  
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