



December 1, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Pearl Public School District
Mr. Chris Chism, Superintendent
180 Mary Ann Dr
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Dear Mr. Chism:

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,

Shaniya Hart, Program Specialist
Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

cc: Jeremy Berry, Child Nutrition Director jjberry@pearlk12.com
File NSLP (AR) 2024-2025

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

July 25, 2025

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Mr. Chris Chism, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Chism:

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 3rd – March 6th. An exit conference was conducted on April 10, 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**. Below is a description of the finding identified.

Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality

During the review, the State Agency found that the week of review's production records did not indicate accurate forecasting. According to the production records, the planned number of servings for each menu item was significantly lower than the prepared number of servings, indicating that historical data was not utilized to inform initial menu planning. In accordance with 7 CFR 225.15(b)(3), SFSP sponsors must plan and prepare meals based on participation trends. In addition, 7 CFR 210.10(c)(4) requires schools to adjust future menu cycles to reflect production and how often food items are offered.

As a result of incorrect forecasting, the nutrient analysis could not be verified. SA provided technical assistance on this matter until an accurate nutrient analysis was received. Not forecasting meals can result in a less proactive, data-driven approach that leads to food waste, increased costs, lower participation, and diminished customer satisfaction. To demonstrate compliance, the SFA must retrain staff on production records, submitting the training agenda and sign-in sheet to the SA. The SFA is also responsible for submitting the production records and nutrient analysis from its first week of operation.

The School Food Authority (SFA) must provide a corrective action response to all findings of the Review by August 18, 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 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 staff at Pearl Public School District for providing children with a vast selection of nutritious foods. The facility was clean, well-organized, and provided a welcoming environment.

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

Sincerely,



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Office of Child Nutrition, School Support Division

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