

**Check in with CANS - Minutes**  
**Monthly Conference Call with DOE-Child and Adult Nutrition Services**  
**December 7, 2017 2:30PM CT/1:30PM MT**

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**Child Nutrition Bulletin:** December's bulletin is available on the CANS website:

<http://doe.sd.gov/cans/nbulletin/2017/Dec.pdf>

**Summer Food Service Program:** Summer Food Service Program Outreach and Budget proposal is being prepared. The past sponsors will be contacted for information regarding plans for 2018 and any school thinking about doing a summer feeding program, please contact our office.

**Lakota Nations Education Conference – Training Opportunity!!**

- CANS providing two 1.25 hour sessions for School Nutrition Staff and Managers on Wed, Dec. 13.
- [Click here](#) for more information and registration

**Web-Based Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool 2.0 \*\*NEW\*\***

- Easy navigation, user-friendly, time saving.
- Auto populates training information, enter trainings for multiple employees
- Alerts for remaining annual training requirements and SO much more!
- Visit <https://pstrainingtracker.fns.usda.gov/> and start tracking your training hours today!

**PLEASE NOTE:** A Level 1 USDA eAuthentication account is needed to access the tool. New and existing users who have Level 1 access can proceed to the tool by clicking on the 'New/Existing User Login' button.

Please click [here](#) to create your Level 1 eAuth access account. You will immediately receive an email with a link to activate your account with one simple click.

Contact [cnpntab@fns.usda.gov](mailto:cnpntab@fns.usda.gov) for assistance in accessing the site.

**Interim Rule: Flexibilities For Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Requirements in the School Nutrition Programs**

- You can find the full Interim rule at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/fr-113017>
- An interim rule means that the USDA invites comments about this rule. This is your chance to have your comments go directly to the rule makers. **Written comments on this interim final rule must be received on or before January 29, 2018.**
- Flexibilities include:
  - Providing operators the option to offer flavored, low-fat (1 percent fat) milk in the Child Nutrition Programs;
  - Extending the State agencies' option to allow individual school food authorities to include grains that are not whole grain-rich in the weekly menu offered under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP); and
  - Retaining Sodium Target 1 in the NSLP and SBP.
- These flexibilities go into effect July 1, 2018

**SY 2017-18 Flexibilities in the School Nutrition Programs**

- Food and Nutrition Service ([FNS](#)) [memo SP32-2017](#) contains the full USDA FNS guidance.

- **Whole Grain-Rich Requirements**

- For SY 2017-2018, exemptions from the whole grain-rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) are available.
- State agencies may approve school food authority (SFA) exemption requests for specific products, if the SFA can demonstrate hardship(s) in procuring, preparing, or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are accepted by students. Exemptions are allowed for any type of grain product(s) (for example, pasta, bread, brown rice, etc.) and for one or more different products.
- SFAs that receive an exemption are considered compliant with the whole grain-rich requirements during an Administrative Review or a performance-based certification review if their grain offerings are consistent with the exemption granted by the State agency and at least half of the grains offered weekly are whole grain-rich. However, at a minimum, SFAs must comply with the SY 2013-2014 requirement to offer at least half of the grains which meet the whole grain-rich criteria.
- The Whole Grain-Rich Exemption Request can be found on the CANS NSLP website: <http://doe.sd.gov/cans/nslp.aspx> under the section called *School Meal Documents: Menu Planning: References, Worksheets, and Production Records*.

- **Sodium Limits**

- For SY 2017-2018, schools must continue to meet Sodium Target 1:

Target 1 Sodium in mg				
	Grade: K-8	Grade: K-5	Grade: 6-8	Grade: 9-12
Breakfast	≤540	≤540	≤600	≤640
Lunch	≤1,230	≤1,230	≤1,360	≤1,420

- Schools are encouraged to continue to work towards creating low-sodium menus that students enjoy. There is no exemption request process to use this flexibility.

- **Low-Fat Flavored Milk**

- Through SY 2017-2018, exemptions allowing the service of low-fat (1% milk fat), flavored milk for school lunch and breakfast, and as a competitive food available for sale on campus during the school day. In order to qualify for the exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.
- The Low Fat Flavored Milk Exemption Request can be found on the CANS NSLP website: <http://doe.sd.gov/cans/nslp.aspx> under the section called *School Meal Documents: Menu Planning: References, Worksheets, and Production Records*.

**FFAVORS – Buy American**

- It has been brought to our attention that the contractor for USDA Fresh purchases through DoD FFAVORS has been shipping product that is not produced in the United States. Please review your deliveries for product that is not produced in the United States. Since we are using USDA funds we are required to buy American products. If you find product that is not made in America, please notify Karen Kenton at [Karen.kenton@dla.mil](mailto:Karen.kenton@dla.mil) and Mark Moen at [mark.moen@state.sd.us](mailto:mark.moen@state.sd.us). When receiving the FFAVORS produce, any product that is **NOT** produced in the United States should be refused at the time of delivery as well.

**CEP Reminder**

- Every four years schools that participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) have to re-determine their Identified Student Percentage (ISP) and their claiming percentages. To achieve the highest ISP possible, schools that need to re-apply for CEP for the 18-19 school year should begin working in the iMATCH system to make as many manual matches as possible.
- Starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, schools should begin working with their local FDPiR offices to obtain a list of students from them as well.

- If you are unsure if your school will need to re-determine their claiming percentages for SY 18-19 or would like more information, contact Mikayla Hardy at [Mikayla.Hardy@state.sd.us](mailto:Mikayla.Hardy@state.sd.us) or 605-773-8067.

#### iMATCH – Exclude Boxes **\*\*Reminder\*\***

- Users should receive email notifications when new matches occur.
- Recently added preset 'exclude' boxes to help streamline system loading times.
  - It is suggested to uncheck the 'Exclude' boxes to ensure that you are seeing your full list of directly certified students. Keeping the 'exclude' boxes checked would exclude students with SNAP and TANF from being displayed, and could also exclude transfer students from being displayed.
  - For more information [Click Here](#) to see updated Matching List Instructions from the CANS-NSLP webpage.

#### CANS National School Lunch/ School Breakfast Website – A New Look!

- [CANS School Lunch and Breakfast website](#)
- Website sections will remain in a standard order.
- Sections collapse and expand to find the resources you are looking for.

**Professional Standards Reminder:** Any learning or training you receive about any aspect of the School Nutrition Programs can be counted as training time towards the professional standards annual training requirement.

Please retain documentation to show what topics were trained. For example, agenda, topics, handbook, certificate, etc. And record training on a Tracking Tool – we suggest using the [SD Tracker Tool](#) posted on the CANS NSLP website.

**This Conference call was 15 minutes long and can credit for 15 minutes of training.**

Learning Topics discussed during this call were:

- 3000 Administration: 3200 Program Management - 15 minutes

