

SUMMER 2020



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School Nutrition Association of South Dakota's Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings School Nutrition Association of South Dakota Members!

Wow! What a world we are living in. Congratulations to you all for finishing up an abrupt finish to the 19-20 school year. Cheers to those of you who moved into emergency feeding and continued to feed South Dakota kiddos. Props to those of you who continue to feed kids during summer feeding. There hasn't been a time in my (5 short) years in school food service that I have been more proud of our profession. We are used to adjusting, being flexible and making do but food service professionals handled emergency feeding with grit and grace.

And just when you have a system down its time to switch back to your “normal” National School Breakfast and Lunch Program feeding. What in the world does that look like this year? Well my guess is that it is going to look very different for each and every school district. SNA will be offering a networking session on Wednesday after the quick business meeting to discuss what others are doing to move into the school year. Please join us for the business meeting on Wednesday, July 22nd at 3:00 pm Central time and stay on for the networking opportunity.

Lastly, I would like to say that it was an honor to be your 19-20 SNASD President. It was not the year I had envisioned but there were many things about this year that no one could even imagine. I look forward to serve as the 20-21 Past President to help onboard our new Executive Secretary Team, Jasper Diegel and Katie Sieverding. I know these 2 are really going to help our association move onward and up. They will continue to help us with getting messages/emails out to you all to keep you informed. They will help us navigate some of the COVID challenges moving through this year, help with planning logistics of trainings and conferences, and help with general communication. Overall, they will help the SNASD board be a more cohesive unit to better serve our members.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you at our Business Meeting and Networking Group on Wednesday.



-LIZ MARSO
SNASD 2019-2020 PRESIDENT
PIERRE SCHOOL DISTRICT





YOU'RE INVITED!

SNASD ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND @ 3PM CENTRAL

WILL YOU BE JOINING US FOR OUR VIRTUAL
BUSINESS MEETING AND NETWORKING
OPPORTUNITY?

[RSVP BY CLICKING HERE!](#)

SNA NATIONAL

I would like to give a huge “SHOUT OUT” to all of our South Dakota SNA members for the support over the past few years as I have served SNA at the National level. Many of you have encouraged me through the amazing journey I was on and I am very grateful to all of you for your support. I know we are all in a very strange time which makes me believe we will need to depend on our Association more than ever at both State and National levels. Hang in there and know that the work you do feeding your students “One Meal At A Time” is making a difference every day.

Stay safe and healthy and thank you again,
SNASD.



-GAY ANDERSON
SNA PAST PRESIDENT
CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTOR
BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

On July 14, the School Nutrition Association (SNA) welcomed Reginald (Reggie) Ross, SNS, as president for the 2020-2021 school year.



**"Meet" your
new SNA
National
President
here!**

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SNA NATIONAL

The School Nutrition Association is a national, nonprofit professional organization representing more than 55,000 members who provide high-quality, low-cost meals to students across the country.

Core Purpose: Well-nourished students, prepared to succeed.

Vision: Every student has access to nutritious meals at school, ensuring their optimal health and well-being.

Mission: We empower and support school nutrition professionals in advancing the accessibility, quality and integrity of school nutrition programs.

Values:

- Integrity: Act ethically and responsibly, always.
- Inclusion: Embrace different perspectives and ideas from SNA's diverse membership.
- Collaboration: Share strategies and solutions to achieve professional excellence.
- Commitment: Embody care and compassion for student well-being.
- Innovation: Drive change with creativity and strategic thinking.
- Courage: Resolve to protect and defend school nutrition programs.

To learn more about SNA, click [here](#).



GREETINGS FROM CANS

Greetings to you all!

We at the CANS Office would like to thank you, repeatedly, for all the hard work you have done since the middle of March; also, for all the work to come! We feel that we have transitioned from panic and the unknown to at least knowing a little bit. However, there are still many unanswered questions. We truly understand that this school year will be unlike any other. We are working hard to try to make the upcoming school year as smooth as we possibly can, while of course, staying within the regulations.

We are in the process of developing some resources that will be distributed soon. Thanks to everyone who completed our surveys to guide us in the right direction. We want to ensure we are sharing information that you want, not just want we think you want. Hopefully, the information will help you plan for the upcoming school year and give you some guidance on moving forward. With these things in mind, *please work closely with your program specialist when completing your iCAN applications*, as we will need to collect more information than usual. We also want to thank those who participated in the StartWell Workshop. Since this is the first time we have hosted a virtual meeting like this, we were curious how it would work! Remember to submit the evaluation so we know if we can learn how to improve this process if needed. [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

School Food Directors are some of the most resilient people out there. You are the best at going with the flow and changing mid-stream when needed. *Thanks again for all you do, and please keep your heads up and smile through the school year! Please know how much we appreciate you, your staff, and everyone who is working so tirelessly to feed the kids of South Dakota.*



-BETH HENRICHSEN
CANS PROGRAM SPECIALIST

*Be sure to check out CANS
Newsletters by clicking here!*

WAIVERS FOR SY20-21

Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding in NSLP, SBP, CACFP for SY20-21 - Extension

This waiver allows for the grab and go meal delivery models that many schools used this summer.

Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in NSLP, SBP, CACFP for SY20-21 - Extension

Regulation states that breakfast must be served at the beginning of the day and that lunch must be served between 10 and 2. This waiver allows agencies to send multiple meals at a time (breakfasts and lunches) and must be used with the non-congregate waiver.

Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents & Guardians to Pick up Meals for Children in NSLP, SBP, CACFP for SY20-21 - Extension

This waiver gives agencies the ability to allow parents/guardians to pick up meals without their children present. The agency must ensure that the person picking up the meal is the parent/guardian and that no duplicate meals are being served.

Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the NSLP, SBP, CACFP in SY20-21 - Extension

This waiver gives the CANS office the authority to waive the meal pattern requirements on a case by case basis when a school makes a request.

Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer vs. Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in the NSLP for SY20-21

Offer vs. Serve is required for grades 9-12 during lunch. This waiver allows schools to operate a serve only program for high school aged students.

Each waiver is optional and the school/agency will go through the normal annual application process if they choose to use one or more of these flexibilities. Additionally, the CANS office is considering requesting additional extensions and waivers.

SNA CALLS FOR SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM WAIVERS FOR 2020-21

Article from schoolnutrition.org on 7/10/20

Schools Request Additional Support to Safely Serve Students During Pandemic

ARLINGTON, VA – The non-profit School Nutrition Association (SNA) is urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to allow schools to continue serving students through summer meals programs to address challenges of providing safe access to healthy school meals next school year. In a letter today raising serious concerns about serving students during the pandemic, SNA asked USDA to immediately extend all Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) COVID-19 waivers, including Area Eligibility, through the end of SY 2020/2021. The extensions would allow schools to serve all students school breakfast and lunch at no charge to best support social distancing measures, whether service is in the cafeteria, the classroom or at curbside pick-up.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Innovative Solutions Showcase

Virtual Event

Industry partners will demonstrate their new products for SY 2020-21 and answer questions in these new limited capacity virtual sessions.

[LEARN MORE](#)

AUG '20
3-4

Directors' Best Practices Conference

Virtual Event

Hear the best ideas to feed kids during a pandemic, learn what's working and what's not, and collectively brainstorm solutions to complex challenges.

[LEARN MORE](#)

OCT '20
27-29



SCHOOL NUTRITION
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH
WEEK 2020**

Oct 12-16, 2020

#NSLW2020

ABOUT NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

From schoolnutrition.org

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves nearly 30million children every school day. President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week (NSLW) in 1962 to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom. The COVID-19 pandemic has without a doubt shown just how incredibly important school meals are for students and their families.

During this annual weeklong celebration, SNA members and students around the country will find new ways to safely celebrate in their schools and districts with special menus, events, student activities and more.

The 2020 NSLW theme Now Playing: School Lunch! Will put a spotlight on hit menu items that kids love while capitalizing on the popularity of movies to appeal to students in all grade levels.

SNA's #NSLW20 campaign offers the "big picture" of tools and resources, including downloadable artwork and social media tips, to help you plan a successful celebration in a new operating environment and promote your program to students, parents and the local community.



For more info on NSLW,
click here!

THANK YOU TO OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS



GOLD

- Membership List
- Conference List
- Board Member Opportunity
- Company Logo on website
- 1 FREE Booth at conference
- 1 FREE Full Size Ad in booklet
- 1 FREE Registration for all other SNASD Events
- Choice of Major Conference
- Sponsorship Opportunity (\$1,000 value)

SILVER

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