

# MONDAY MORNING NEWSLETTER



## SNA Awards program

The deadline for applying for the 2022 SNA Awards program is **March 1, 2022!** Nominate yourself or someone else for the following awards:

- Employee of the Year Award
- Manager of the Year Award, in honor of Louise Sublette
- Director of the Year Award National
- Industry Member of the Year Award

[Apply Today!](#)



## Call for Nominations!

Apply today to serve on the SNAPA board of Directors! Nomination forms should be submitted to [executivedirector@snapa.org](mailto:executivedirector@snapa.org) by **March 1, 2022.**

[Click this link for more information and the nomination form.](#)

## Supply Chain Allocation

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN), will receive approximately \$34 million in Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) which was authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

They will be hosting two webinar opportunities for SFAs to review eligibility requirements, timeline, and documentation for the SCA funding. No registration is required, simply click the webinar link at the designated meeting time. Both webinars will cover the same content.

## Supply Chain Assistance Funds Webinars:

Friday, February 25, 2022  
9:00AM – 10:00AM

Link to Join: [Click Here - SCA Funds Webinar #1](#)

Wednesday, March 2, 2022  
9:00AM – 10:00AM

Link to Join: [Click Here - SCA Funds Webinar #2](#)

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**FOR SNA**  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**



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## Bootcamp for School Nutrition Professionals

Sign Up for the Climate-Friendly School Meals Training & Peer Learning Series today! These interactive and inspiring sessions will provide opportunities to hear from your peers and experts, learn successful strategies and build a network of support for providing plant-forward, climate-friendly school meals. Virtual sessions will include break out discussions, peer-to-peer sharing, resource guides and expert presentations!

Join Friends of the Earth to learn about **Climate-Friendly Student Engagement, Marketing & Taste Testing Strategies** on March 16!



Reserve Your Seat for the School Nutrition Association's Annual National Conference.

- All general and education sessions
- Exhibit Hall
- Culinary demos
- Closing event at SeaWorld Orlando

Registration Opens March 10 so mark your calendar!

To view more information check out the [ANC Website!](#)

**SNA PA**

**Teaches Tuesdays** 



Join us Tuesday, March 8th at 2pm for our next Teaches Tuesdays!

**March 8, 2022 at 2pm**

Topic: Efficiency in the Kitchen: Learn to simplify work processes and save time during food preparation

Presenter: Carol H. Gilbert Consulting

[Register Here!](#)

## Interested in being a Lead to succeed trainer?

SNF is building an experienced cadre of trainers to bring LEAD to Succeed training to school nutrition professionals at state and national conferences.

Applicants should have a background in school nutrition! To submit an application to join the cadre of trainers click [here](#)! All forms are due by **February 28, 2022**.



## Spanberger Leads Bipartisan Coalition

The Keeping School Meals Flexible Act would extend the expiration date for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) authority to establish, grant, or extend child nutrition waivers through the upcoming school year, ending on June 30, 2023. All 12 waivers currently in place and USDA's waiver authority are set to expire on June 30, 2022.

[Read more](#) to see what School Nutrition Association professionals had to say about Extending the USDA Child Nutrition Waiver Authority, Protect Reliable Access to School Meals.

## In The News

[SNA endorses the Keeping School Meals Flexible Act](#)

[USDA Helps Schools Build Back Better, Issues Transitional Nutrition Standards for Coming School Years](#)

[Gov. Wolf Proposes New Investments to Build Successful Future for Pennsylvania Families](#)

[USDA announces stricter standards for school nutrition](#)

## Thank You Partners!



## AT A GLANCE

# CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Final Rule

### THE ISSUE

School nutrition professionals have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to feed children in their communities. USDA is committed to providing them the support they need to successfully operate the school meal programs. The Child Nutrition Programs: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Final Rule will serve as a bridge to transition from where we are now to where we're going – helping schools build back from the uncertainty caused by both the pandemic and several legislative and administrative changes over the past several years so they can continue to provide kids with high-quality, nutritious meals that support their health and development.



### THE BACKGROUND

In 2012, USDA updated school meal requirements, including revising nutrition standards to reflect the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs) at that time. This included increasing fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; adjusting requirements for milk; reducing sodium; and setting calorie standards.

Many schools implemented the updated nutrition standards very successfully. Kids' Healthy Eating Index scores – a measure of how closely diets reflect the DGAs – jumped, and research showed children received their healthiest meals of the day at school.

However, legislative and administrative actions delayed full implementation of the requirements for milk, whole grains, and sodium. Further, the pandemic caused major disruptions to the school meal programs, while highlighting the critical role schools play in ensuring kids are well fed.





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This new rule establishes standards for milk, whole grains, and sodium for school years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 to give schools time to transition in the short term. Meanwhile, USDA is working to develop long-term nutrition standards - based on the newest DGA and extensive input from a wide range of partners - that will work for schools, families, and industry alike. USDA expects to publish a proposed rule on the updated standards in fall 2022.

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES



### MILK

Schools and child care providers may offer flavored, low-fat milk (1%) in addition to unflavored, low-fat milk and flavored or unflavored nonfat milk<sup>1</sup>.



### SODIUM

The weekly sodium limit for school lunch and breakfast will remain at the current level, known as Target 1, for school year 2022-2023. For school lunch only, the limit will decrease marginally (10%) in school year 2023-2024 to put schools on an achievable path toward long-term sodium reduction, which will be addressed in future rulemaking.



### WHOLE GRAINS

At least 80% of the grains served in school lunch and breakfast per week must be whole grain-rich (containing at least 50% whole grains).

<sup>1</sup>For consistency, this standard applies to the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program (ages 6 and up), and Special Milk Program (ages 6 and up).