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Dr. David M. Mathis, Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Mathis:

As a participant in the National School Lunch Program and its related initiatives, every school food authority (i.e., school district, private school, charter school, or residential child care institution) is subject to periodic reviews to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements.

Attached is the summary report for the Administrative Review (AR) of your Child Nutrition Program (CNP) that was conducted by Mrs. Rebecca Kenner on January 17-19, 2017. The findings of the review were discussed with you and Ms. Mary Mack during an exit conference.

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is required to conduct an AR of every school food authority (SFA) at least once every three (3) years, pursuant to regulations and policy guidelines promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) (7-CFR-210.18 (c)), South Carolina Code of Laws (59-1-310 and 43-168), and the Program Agreement executed between an SFA and the SCDE.

The mission of the SCDE in conducting an AR is to showcase the quality and importance of local child nutrition programs; measure compliance with state and federal requirements; and identify opportunities for improvement. At the federal level, the AR process measures general program compliance with specific emphasis on:

- *Free and Reduced Price Meal Benefits Certification;*
- *Meal Access and Reimbursement;*
- *Resource Management;*
- *Nutritional Integrity of Meals and All Other Foods Sold in Schools; and*
- *Other Related Federal Programs.*

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In addition to an evaluation of key SFA administrative processes and records for the review month of November 2016, the following school: Hollywood Elementary was selected to receive an onsite visitation based on specific selection criteria.

We appreciate all of the assistance our staff received during the AR process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Kenner at (803) 734-9818 or rkenner@ed.sc.gov.

Sincerely,



Ronald F. Jones
Director, Office of Health and Nutrition

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Attachment

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Administrative Review
of
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Child Nutrition Programs

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Administrative Review Process

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Performance Standard 1

School Food Authority (SFA) Level

This section of the review evaluates the accuracy of free and reduced student eligibility records and their use in meal counting and claiming procedures.

Key Functional Areas Covered: Free and reduced eligibility applications (if applicable), direct certifications, income verifications, rosters, and meal counting and claiming procedures.

Actual Performance: Based on evaluation of eligibility records and meal counting and claiming procedures at the selected schools, all success criteria were met.

Commendations: Mrs. Connelly's processes, practices and systems for benefit issuance were well organized and outstanding. All applications reviewed were accurate and easily accessible.

Resource Management-SFA Level

This section evaluates whether the SFA used food service funds pursuant to USDA guidelines.

Key Functional Areas Covered: Maintenance of the nonprofit Child Nutrition Program (CNP) account, paid lunch equity, revenue from non-program foods, indirect costs, USDA Foods, and use of food service funds per federal and state guidelines.

Actual Performance: Based on evaluation of financial documentation, all success criteria were met.

General Program Compliance-SFA level

This section evaluates whether the SFA followed general program compliance as indicated by USDA guidelines.

Key Functional Areas Covered: Civil rights, onsite monitoring, Local School Wellness Policy, school environment report card, reporting and record keeping, food safety, School Breakfast and Summer Food Service Program outreach.

Actual Performance: Based on evaluation of documentation, all success criteria were met.

USDA Performance Standard 2

Meal Access and Reimbursement-School Level

This section evaluates whether the lunch menus for the review month and individual lunches served during the onsite visitation of reviewed schools meet minimum state and federal meal pattern requirements. In addition, breakfast service at Hollywood Elementary School was evaluated during the onsite visitation.

Key Functional Areas Covered: Meal counting and claiming procedures.

Actual Performance: Based on evaluation of documentation and observations made during the onsite visitation, all success criteria were met.

Commendation: Theresa Gonzalez, manager at Hollywood Elementary School, has an extraordinary connection with students. While she provides healthy and pleasing lunches to students, she goes above and beyond by providing a book exchange program with students who may not have access to books of their own. She allows students to choose and take home books that she has purchased. The students are allowed to choose any book. Once the student has completed their book, they can exchange it for a new one to take home in Ms. Gonzalez's office. She actively engages the students in conversation about the book and encourages them in choosing and reading their next choice.

Nutritional Quality and Meal Pattern-School Level

This section evaluates whether the lunch and breakfast (if applicable) menus for the review month and day of review at the reviewed schools met minimum state and federal meal pattern requirements.

Key Functional Areas Covered: Menu, standardized recipes, meal components and quantities, food production records, offer-versus-serve guidelines, dietary specifications, and nutrient analysis.

Actual Performance: Based on evaluation of documentation and observations made during the onsite visitation, all success criteria were met.

General Program Compliance-School level

This section evaluates whether the SFA followed general program compliance as indicated by USDA guidelines.

Key Functional Areas Covered: Civil rights, Local School Wellness Policy, Smart Snacks in School, water, reporting and record keeping, food safety, storage, and Buy American.

Actual Performance: Based on evaluation of documentation and observations made during the onsite visitation, all success criteria were met.

South Carolina Student Health and Fitness Act-School Level

This section evaluates local progress in implementing state-specific nutrition standards for reviewed schools serving a K-5 population.

Key Functional Areas Covered: Food and beverages sold on K-5 school property during the regular school day, as well as student input on cafeteria menu and related activities.

Actual Performance: Based on evaluation of documentation and observations made during the onsite visitation, all success criteria were met.

Other Federal Program Reviews-School Level

This section evaluates compliance with other related federal programs, as may be applicable.

Key Functional Areas Covered: Afterschool Snack Program (ASP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and Special Milk Program.

Actual Performance: This SFA participates in Afterschool Snack Program. Based on the evaluation of documentation, all success criteria were met.

Closure

Based on this review, this letter serves to close the Administrative Review process. We appreciate all of the assistance our staff received during the reviews. If you have any questions concerning the review processes, please contact Mrs. Rebecca Kenner at (803) 734-9818 or rkenner@ed.sc.gov.