

## Administrative Review Summary of School Nutrition Programs

School Food Authority (SFA): Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)

### Type of Operation

☒ Self-operated      ☒ Food service management company contract

Date of Administrative Review (Entrance Conference Date): February 7, 2023

### General Program Participation

1. What Child Nutrition Programs does the SFA participate in? *(Check all that apply)*

- ☒ School Breakfast Program (7 CFR 220)
- ☒ National School Lunch Program (7 CFR 210)
- ☐ Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (P.L. 113-79 Section 19)
- ☒ Afterschool Snack Program (7 CFR 210)
- ☐ Special Milk Program (7 CFR 215)
- ☐ Seamless Summer Option (7 CFR 210)

2. Does the SFA operate under any Special Provisions?

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes *(Check all that apply)*
  - ☒ Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
  - ☐ Special Provision 1
  - ☐ Special Provision 2
  - ☐ Special Provision 3

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### Review Findings

3. Were any findings identified during the SFA's review?

☐ No     ☒ Yes: Indicate below the areas and issues identified.

#### A. MEAL ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT

##### Findings for Certification and Benefit Issuance

☒ Not applicable (sponsor does not collect free and reduced meal applications due to CEP)

☐ No

☐ Yes

##### Findings:

- ☐ Free and reduced application processing compliance
- ☐ Household eligibility notification compliance
- ☐ Direct certification procedure compliance
- ☐ Benefit issuance document compliance
- ☐ Other:

##### Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE):

- ☐ Technical assistance provided to SFA
- ☐ Corrective action received by CSDE
- ☐ Corrective action approved by CSDE

*For information on certification and benefit issuance, refer to the USDA's [Eligibility Manual for School Meals](#).*

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### A. MEAL ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT, *continued*

#### Verification of Household Applications

☒ Not applicable (sponsor does not collect free and reduced meal applications)

☐ No

☐ Yes

#### Findings:

- ☐ Verification process compliance
- ☐ Household verification letter compliance
- ☐ Verification benefit issuance document compliance
- ☐ Other:

#### CSDE:

- ☐ Technical assistance provided to SFA
- ☐ Corrective action received by CSDE
- ☐ Corrective action approved by CSDE

*For information on verification, visit the CSDE's [Verification Procedures for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.*

#### Meal Counting and Claiming

☐ No

☒ Yes

#### Findings:

- ☐ Meal counting and claiming compliance
- ☐ Edit Check compliance
- ☒ Counting, consolidating, and recording of reimbursable meals compliance
- ☐ Policy compliance for incomplete meals, second meals, visiting student meals, adult and non-student meals, student worker meals, a la carte items, field trip meals, or pre-paid meals
- ☐ Other:

#### CSDE:

- ☒ Technical assistance provided to SFA
- ☒ Corrective action received by CSDE
- ☒ Corrective action approved by CSDE

*For information on meal counting and claiming, visit the CSDE's [Meal Counting and Claiming](#) webpage.*

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### B. MEAL PATTERN AND NUTRITIONAL QUALITY

#### Meal Components and Quantities

<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Meal pattern compliance (whole grain-rich, vegetable subgroups, milk type):</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast  <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch         </div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Meal component compliance</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast  <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch         </div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sufficient quantities/complete meal compliance</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast  <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch         </div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Production record compliance</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast  <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch         </div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>  <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</p> <p><i>For information on the USDA meal pattern requirements, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs</a> and <a href="#">Meal Patterns for Preschoolers in School Nutrition Programs</a> webpages.</i></p>
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### B. MEAL PATTERN AND NUTRITIONAL QUALITY, *continued*

#### Offer versus Serve (OVS)

☐ No

☒ Yes

#### Findings:

☐ Meal selection compliance under OVS

☐ Breakfast

☐ Lunch

☐ Reimbursable meal compliance under OVS

☐ Breakfast

☐ Lunch

☒ Food service staff/cashier knowledge of OVS compliance

☐ Breakfast

☒ Lunch

☐ Student knowledge of OVS compliance

☐ Breakfast

☐ Lunch

☐ Other:

#### CSDE:

☒ Technical assistance provided to SFA

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☒ Corrective action approved by CSDE

*For information on OVS, visit the CSDE's [OVS for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.*

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### Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis

☒ No

☐ Yes

**Findings:**
☐ Nutrient analysis **not required**
☐ Nutrient analysis conducted

☐ Breakfast

☐ Lunch

☐ Other:

**CSDE:**
☐ Technical assistance provided to SFA

☐ Corrective action received by CSDE

☐ Corrective action approved by CSDE

*For information on the USDA dietary specifications, visit the [“Dietary Specifications \(Nutrition Standards for School Meals\)”](#) section of the CSDE’s [Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.*

### C. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

#### Civil Rights ([FNS Instruction 113-1](#))

☒ No

☐ Yes

**Findings:**
☐ Nondiscrimination statement compliance

☐ Accommodating special dietary needs compliance

☐ Written complaint procedure compliance

☐ Civil rights training compliance

☐ Other:

**CSDE:**
☐ Technical assistance provided to SFA

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☐ Corrective action approved by CSDE

*For information on the USDA civil rights requirements, visit the CSDE’s [Civil Rights for Child Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.*

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### C. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE. *continued*

#### Local School Wellness Policy

☒ No

☐ Yes

**Findings:**

- ☐ Wellness policy compliance  
☐ Other:

**CSDE:**

- ☐ Technical assistance provided to SFA  
☐ Corrective action received by CSDE  
☐ Corrective action approved by CSDE

*For information on school wellness policies, visit the CSDE's [School Wellness Policies](#) webpage.*

#### Smart Snacks in Schools

☐ No

☒ Yes

**Findings:**

- ☒ Foods and beverages sold on the school campus (excluding reimbursable meals) do not comply with Smart Snacks  
☐ Other:

**CSDE:**

- ☒ Technical assistance provided to SFA  
☒ Corrective action received by CSDE  
☒ Corrective action approved by CSDE

*For information on Smart Snacks, visit the CSDE's [Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards](#) webpage.*

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### C. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE. *continued*

#### Food Safety, Storage and Buy American

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Food Safety Plan compliance  <input type="checkbox"/> Food Safety inspections compliance  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buy American Provision compliance  <input type="checkbox"/> Other:         </p> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE         </p> <p><i>For information on food safety, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Food Safety for Child Nutrition Programs</a> webpage. For information on the Buy American requirements, refer to the USDA's <a href="#">USDA Memo 38-2017: Compliance with and Enforcement of the Buy American Provision in the NSLP</a></i></p>
<b>Other Areas</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p>Maintenance of the Nonprofit School Food Service Account, Revenue from Nonprogram Foods – Adult meal pricing</p> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE         </p>



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### Additional Comments:

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For more information, visit the CSDE's [Administrative Review](#) webpage or contact the [school nutrition programs staff](#) at the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

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