

## Administrative Review Summary of School Nutrition Programs

### School Food Authority (SFA) Operations: New Beginnings Family Academy

☒ Self-operated      ☐ Food Service Management Company Contract

**Date of Administrative Review (Entrance Conference Date):** 10/29/2019

### 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

### 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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Free and reduced application processing compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Household eligibility notification compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Direct certification procedure compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Benefit issuance document compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><b>Connecticut State Department of Education (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 certification and benefit issuance, review the USDA's <a href="#">Eligibility Manual for School Meals</a>.</i></p>
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### Review Findings, *continued*

#### 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:**

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*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 type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sufficient quantities/complete meal compliance</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</p> <p><input checked="" 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)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Meal selection compliance under OVS</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast  <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch         </div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursable meal compliance under OVS</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast  <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch         </div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food service staff/cashier knowledge of OVS compliance</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast  <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch         </div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student knowledge of OVS 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 OVS, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">OVS for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs</a> webpage.</i></p>
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#### Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient analysis <b>not required</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient analysis conducted</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 dietary specifications, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs</a> webpage.</i></p>
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### C. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

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

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nondiscrimination statement compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Accommodating special dietary needs compliance</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written complaint procedure compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights training compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on the USDA civil rights requirements, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Civil Rights for Child Nutrition Programs</a> webpage.</i></p>
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#### Local School Wellness Policy

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wellness policy compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on school wellness policies, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">School Wellness Policies</a> webpage.</i></p>
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### C. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE, *continued*

#### Smart Snacks in Schools

☒ No☐ Yes**Findings:**

- ☐ Foods and beverages sold on the school campus (excluding reimbursable meals) are Smart Snacks compliant
- ☐ 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.*

#### Food Safety, Storage and Buy American

☐ No☒ Yes**Findings:**

- ☒ Food Safety Plan compliance
- ☐ Food Safety inspections compliance
- ☒ Buy American Provision compliance
- ☐ Other:

**CSDE:**

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

*For information on food safety, visit the CSDE's [Food Safety for Child Nutrition Programs](#) webpage. For information on the Buy American requirements, review the USDA's [USDA Memo 38-2017: Compliance with and Enforcement of the Buy American Provision in the NSLP](#)*

#### Other Areas

☒ No☐ Yes**Findings:****Other:****CSDE:**

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Additional Comments:

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