School Food Authority (SFA) Operations: Stratford Public Schools

Self-operated Service Management Company Contract

Date of Administrative Review (Entrance Conference Date): May 7, 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?
  - $\square$  No  $\square$  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?
  - $\Box$  No  $\Box$  Yes: Indicate below the areas and issues identified.

A. MEAL ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT			
Findings	for Certific	cation and Benefit Issuance	
No	Xes 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, review the             USDA's Eligibility Manual for School Meals.	

A. MEAL ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT, continued		
Verification of Household Applications <ul> <li>Not applicable (sponsor does not collect free and reduced meal applications)</li> </ul>		
No	X 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 <u>Verification</u> <u>Procedures for School Nutrition Programs</u> webpage.
Meal Co	unting and	Claiming
🖂 No	Yes	Findings:
		<ul> <li>Meal counting and claiming compliance</li> <li>Edit Check compliance</li> <li>Counting, consolidating, and recording of reimbursable meals compliance</li> <li>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</li> <li>Other:</li> <li>CSDE:</li> <li>Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li>Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li>Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> <li>For information on meal counting and claiming, visit the CSDE's</li> </ul>
		Meal Counting and Claiming webpage.

B. MEAL PATTERN AND NUTRITIONAL QUALITY			
Meal Con	Meal Components and Quantities		
🗌 No	Xes Yes	Findings:	
		<ul> <li>Meal pattern compliance (whole grain-rich, vegetable subgroups, milk type):</li> <li>Breakfast</li> <li>Lunch</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Meal component compliance</li> <li>Breakfast</li> <li>Lunch</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Sufficient quantities/complete meal compliance</li> <li>Breakfast</li> <li>Lunch</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Production record compliance</li> <li>Breakfast</li> <li>Lunch</li> </ul>	
		Other:	
		CSDE:	
		<ul> <li>Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li>Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li>Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul>	
		For information on the USDA meal pattern requirements, visit the CSDE's Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs and Meal Patterns for Preschoolers in School Nutrition Programs webpage.	

B. MEAL PATTERN AND NUTRITIONAL QUALITY, continued		
Offer versus Serve (OVS)		
🗌 No	Yes Yes	Findings:
		Meal selection compliance under OVS
		Breakfast
		Reimbursable meal compliance under OVS     Breakfast
		Food service staff/cashier knowledge of OVS compliance
		Lunch
		Student knowledge of OVS compliance
		Lunch
		Other:
		CSDE:
		$\square$ Technical assistance provided to SFA
		Corrective action received by CSDE
		For information on OVS, visit the CSDE's OVS for Grades K-12 in
		School Nutrition Programs webpage.
Dietary S	Specificati	ons and Nutrient Analysis
🖂 No	🗌 Yes	Findings:
		Nutrient analysis <b>not required</b>
		Nutrient analysis conducted
		Breakfast
		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 CSDE's Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs webpage.

C. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE			
Civil Rig	Civil Rights (FNS Instruction 113-1)		
No	Xes Yes	Findings:                 Nondiscrimination statement compliance             Accommodating special dietary needs compliance             Written complaint procedure compliance             Written complaint procedure compliance             Civil rights training compliance             Other:           CSDE:                Technical assistance provided to SFA             Corrective action received by CSDE             Corrective action approved by CSDE	
		For information on the USDA civil rights requirements, visit the CSDE's Civil Rights for Child Nutrition Programs webpage.	
Local Scl	hool Wellı	ness Policy	
No	Xes Yes	Findings:            \[         \] Wellness policy compliance         \[         \] Other:         Other:         CSDE:         \[         \] Technical assistance provided to SFA         \[         \] Corrective action received by CSDE         \[         \] Corrective action approved by CSDE         \[         \] Corrective action approved by CSDE         \[         For information on school wellness policies, visit the CSDE's School         Wellness Policies webpage.         \]	

C. GENER		RAM COMPLIANCE. continued	
Smart Snacks in Schools			
⊠ No	Yes	<ul> <li>Findings:</li> <li>Foods and beverages sold on the school campus (excluding reimbursable meals) are Smart Snacks compliant</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>	
		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 No	Tes Yes	Findings:         Food Safety Plan compliance         Food Safety inspections compliance         Buy American Provision compliance         Other:         CSDE:         Technical assistance provided to SFA         Corrective action received by CSDE         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, Questions and         Answers on Buy American Provision.	
Other Ar	eas		
No No	Yes	Findings:         Other:         CSDE:         Technical assistance provided to SFA         Corrective action received by CSDE         Corrective action approved by CSDE	

Additional Comments:



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