0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:4.220 Yearwood, Shannon Also looked like it worked so wonderful.

0:0:4.590 --> 0:0:6.300 Yearwood, Shannon Alright, so hi everybody.

0:0:6.310 --> 0:0:18.830 Yearwood, Shannon Shannon Yearwood, Connecticut, State Department of Education, and I am so excited to spend today with you because it is the eve of National School Lunch Hero Day.

0:0:18.920 --> 0:0:24.230 Yearwood, Shannon And we are so excited to be surrounded by your hero tiles.

0:0:24.240 --> 0:0:39.360

Yearwood, Shannon

We I'm not really sure how else to say it, so we went a little rogue where we we are going a little bit outside of what we're supposed to do at our agency with our backgrounds because we know this is this is a very special week for a huge group of heroes.

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Yearwood, Shannon I wish I could figure out how to do technology so that you could see this and a lot of you will remember this from the beginning of the pandemic.

0:0:47.240 --> 0:0:49.30 Yearwood, Shannon The one that I have behind me is.

0:0:49.40 --> 0:0:53.120 Yearwood, Shannon It says it's Superman saying welcome to the club and I was.

0:0:53.130 --> 0:1:0.650 Yearwood, Shannon I have that as my screensaver on my phone on everything because it was about time and now we just can't lose that momentum.

0:1:0.660 --> 0:1:5.790 Yearwood, Shannon So I hope that all of you have something special planned and will at least take a few minutes out of the day.

Yearwood, Shannon It's tomorrow to pat yourselves on the back and congratulate your teams for just terrific work all around year round.

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Yearwood, Shannon

So with that, we are continuing in our switching up, trying new things style here with school entry table talk.

0:1:22.60 --> 0:1:27.170 Yearwood, Shannon So you are right now you're muted just because it gets to be a little wild in the beginnings.

0:1:27.180 --> 0:1:32.120 Yearwood, Shannon If we don't have everybody muted, but we do have your hand raising ability enabled.

0:1:32.130 --> 0:1:36.270 Yearwood, Shannon So if you have questions at any time, you just want to make a conversation with us.

0:1:36.380 --> 0:1:39.770 Yearwood, Shannon We're since we're all around the table here, I just raise your hand.

0:1:39.820 --> 0:1:42.30 Yearwood, Shannon I will unmute you once I do that.

0:1:42.40 --> 0:1:43.90 Yearwood, Shannon Then you unmute yourself.

0:1:43.970 --> 0:1:46.90 Yearwood, Shannon Your cameras work so we can see you.

0:1:46.100 --> 0:1:48.60 Yearwood, Shannon We like the company, so turn them off.

0:1:48.110 --> 0:1:51.140 Yearwood, Shannon Turn them on if you wanna join us, we'd love to see you.

0:1:52.110 --> 0:1:56.610 Yearwood, Shannon We get a lot of togetherness, so it's nice to have some other folks during our join our team here.

0:1:57.350 --> 0:2:6.590 Yearwood, Shannon And so we are going to go ahead and get started and I'm going to immediately go off script because that is how I like to roll.

0:2:6.930 --> 0:2:13.390 Yearwood, Shannon And I just wanted to give you a little a few updates that you haven't seen in the School Lunch Tray, but that you should be aware of.

0:2:14.0 --> 0:2:39.150 Yearwood, Shannon So I just wanted to give you a little bit of a heads up that as you know next week I believe May 11th is the end, the official federal end of the public health emergency with that is the sunsetting of a lot of the flexibilities that we've been able to enjoy over the past several years and also some of the special nutrition programs that have popped up in response to the to the public health emergency.

0:2:39.380 --> 0:2:40.630 Yearwood, Shannon Am I speaking too fast?

0:2:40.640 --> 0:2:44.230 Yearwood, Shannon Fionnuala is not on here to tell me I'm speaking too fast and I just came out of somewhere.

0:2:44.240 --> 0:2:45.130 Yearwood, Shannon I had to speak fast.

0:2:45.550 --> 0:2:46.120 Yearwood, Shannon Everybody OK?

0:2:46.980 --> 0:3:5.280

Yearwood, Shannon Alright, sorry, just realized I'm still in freight train mode, so we are, as you know, we did not umm we did not issue school year pandemic PEBT benefits this year as it would have been such a minimal benefit and it was not something that was feasible at that time.

0:3:5.390 --> 0:3:12.920

Yearwood, Shannon We are working right now with our sister agency at the Department of Social Services to be able to submit plans.

0:3:13.150 --> 0:3:19.400 Yearwood, Shannon Excuse me for the PEBT childcare and for the PEBT summer.

0:3:19.650 --> 0:3:23.200 Yearwood, Shannon And so the childcare one is a little bit of a misleading name.

0:3:23.530 --> 0:3:40.230 Yearwood, Shannon

That is, uh, Congress had deemed a covered childcare center for purposes of PEBT to be any child who is who is 6 years of age or younger and living in a household with folks who receive SNAP benefits.

0:3:40.600 --> 0:3:42.430 Yearwood, Shannon So you're gonna get a few calls.

0:3:42.440 --> 0:3:54.670 Yearwood, Shannon Once we start issuing those because some of the households who do participate in SNAP, some of their younger children may receive a card and then you might get calls saying, why didn't my school-age child receive a card?

0:3:55.50 --> 0:4:1.860 Yearwood, Shannon And the reason is because those are childcare benefits for children under six years old, residing in households receiving SNAP.

0:4:2.750 --> 0:4:9.60 Yearwood, Shannon The next benefit that we are going to issue then will be our summer PEBT benefit.

0:4:9.70 --> 0:4:16.440 Yearwood, Shannon That is a standard benefit, meaning that it will everybody will receive the same amount as will the child care benefit.

0:4:16.450 --> 0:4:21.360 Yearwood, Shannon But it is going to be half the benefit level as it was last summer.

0:4:21.690 --> 0:4:56.0

Yearwood, Shannon

That's because during the when Congress passed the fiscal year 2023 consolidated Omnibus appropriations bill, they used the PEBT benefits to offset costs of other initiatives to be paid for so that that really created the PEBT program will be for the summer will be half the benefit that that families have received in the past and that will still go to all children who were eligible to receive or free or reduced price meal.

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Yearwood, Shannon

And the way that the reason I stay at that way is because it does include all children who are part, who are enrolled in Community Eligibility Provision schools and we are going to our eligibility will be determined through the end of the school year.

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Yearwood, Shannon

So we also have a lot of confusion sometimes if if families leave or disenroll their children, maybe they have an out of state move.

0:5:20.250 --> 0:5:30.140 Yearwood, Shannon They've, for whatever reason, they have unenrolled their child in the school prior to the end of the official last day of school, which would make them ineligible.

0:5:30.150 --> 0:5:34.530 Yearwood, Shannon Then for that summer PEBT , which is something to just be aware of.

0:5:34.540 --> 0:5:46.900 Yearwood, Shannon And so we'll make sure that once our state plans are approved that we will get everything updated on to that website that you're used to now over at the Department of Social Services to help you navigate some of those questions.

0:5:47.390 --> 0:5:48.600 Yearwood, Shannon But it should be a little.

0:5:48.610 --> 0:5:59.370 Yearwood, Shannon I'm hopeful it's a little bit more straightforward because they are pretty standard benefits and because there's not, these benefits aren't tied to absence related benefit issuances.

0:6:1.330 --> 0:6:2.960 Yearwood, Shannon Alright, I know that was super fast.

0:6:2.970 --> 0:6:5.740 Yearwood, Shannon Is I I don't have my chat up is there?

0:6:5.780 --> 0:6:7.800 Yearwood, Shannon Are there any questions on that before I move on?

0:6:9.650 --> 0:6:12.700 Fogarty, Sean No questions so far, Shannon, but we can give folks a minute if they'd like.

0:6:13.840 --> 0:6:14.440 Yearwood, Shannon Thank you, Sean.

0:6:15.690 --> 0:6:16.790 Yearwood, Shannon He has such a good radio voice.

0:6:18.640 --> 0:6:19.0 Fogarty, Sean Thank you.

0:6:21.710 --> 0:6:22.130 Yearwood, Shannon Alright.

0:6:22.900 --> 0:6:25.740 Yearwood, Shannon And then nobody wants to raise their hand for PEBT because you're afraid.

0:6:25.750 --> 0:6:29.200 Yearwood, Shannon I'll I'll actually give you a PEBT question.

0:6:29.210 --> 0:6:30.560 Yearwood, Shannon Right, alright.

0:6:30.570 --> 0:6:35.420 Yearwood, Shannon So then very another very quick update is a state legislative update.

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Yearwood, Shannon

So for those of you who have been following the healthy school meals for all initiatives, just so that you know the governors, as I'm sure most of you are aware of, the governor did not include funding to continue the we're calling it Smart Funds right now in our state because of kind of the strange funding mechanisms we've had throughout this year be able to offer those meals at no cost to households, but the the governor did not include that in his budget proposal at the beginning of the legislative session.

0:7:10.440 --> 0:7:20.330 Yearwood, Shannon And then the Joint Committee on Appropriations and I wanna say it was about two weeks now issued their recommendations and it was and funding was not included in there as well led.

0:7:20.560 --> 0:7:23.560 Yearwood, Shannon The legislature is does continue.

0:7:23.570 --> 0:7:30.720 Yearwood, Shannon This is the long session so it does continue through June and stating facts.

0:7:30.770 --> 0:7:34.300 Yearwood, Shannon So if you have questions, I will be very careful on how I answer them.

0:7:34.310 --> 0:7:43.220 Yearwood, Shannon But certainly if you have more questions and want to do some troubleshooting problem solving, I'm sure our friends at End Hunger Connecticut, would love to hear from you as well. 0:7:45.130 --> 0:7:45.920 Yearwood, Shannon Any questions on that?

0:7:46.890 --> 0:7:47.100 Yearwood, Shannon Good.

0:7:48.450 --> 0:8:5.810 Yearwood, Shannon Alright, so then the other big thing I wanted to give you a non update on is the a few months ago I mentioned to you that USDA has told a state agencies that they will be looking at.

0:8:7.820 --> 0:8:9.890 Yearwood, Shannon Streamlining, redoing, revising.

0:8:9.900 --> 0:8:17.50 Yearwood, Shannon Those are the words I'm looking for, the free and reduced-price school meals application for the coming school year, along with the QA.

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Yearwood, Shannon

And so we did request any updates from USDA since it's getting to be that timing where we start to get a little nervous about any big changes into the coming school year and there is no update on that initiative.

0:8:31.810 --> 0:8:43.240 Yearwood, Shannon So that's my non update for you and then I will sandwich my updates with a little bit of a not so much non update, but on the federal level for legislation.

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Yearwood, Shannon

So you have until May 8th to submit your comments for the proposed rule to lower the identified student percentage for purposes of being eligible for the Community Eligibility Provision from 40% to 25%.

0:8:58.290 --> 0:9:13.120 Yearwood, Shannon Umm, in the March proposal budget proposal from the President from President Biden, he did include in his budget both an increase in the multiplier from 1.6% to.

0:9:14.270 --> 0:9:20.560 Yearwood, Shannon Establish your claiming percentage to 2.5% and did include funding tied to that.

0:9:20.790 --> 0:9:39.220 Yearwood, Shannon

It still has a long, long, long ways to go through through Congress to be able to see what happens with that, but that's also so you in case you don't want your 80,000 pages of light bedtime reading to go through the governor's budget proposal, that is, that's those are your cliffs notes for that.

0:9:40.200 --> 0:9:42.860 Yearwood, Shannon So any questions on that?

0:9:46.370 --> 0:9:48.510 Fogarty, Sean Nothing in the chat so far and new hands yet.

0:9:49.470 --> 0:9:59.350 Yearwood, Shannon Alright, I know there was a lot of information very quickly, so as you digest that if you have questions now is not your only time to ask and you can ask him at any time.

0:10:0.130 --> 0:10:5.520 Yearwood, Shannon Now, but now we are able to dive into the School Lunch Tray.

0:10:5.530 --> 0:10:17.140 Yearwood, Shannon And as we did last time, we're gonna not go through each and every item we did, put them up on our list so that you can be have a quick kind of cheat sheet of in case you didn't get a chance to read it yet.

0:10:17.150 --> 0:10:21.10 Yearwood, Shannon You know, you'll know the content, so you can flip back to it if you need to.

0:10:21.830 --> 0:10:32.430 Yearwood, Shannon And then we're gonna just basically be a little bit more conversational and talk with you more about the the reasons we want you to know some of these things that we want to highlight.

0:10:32.440 --> 0:10:35.760 Yearwood, Shannon And then we're going to just leave it open to have conversations with you.

0:10:35.770 --> 0:10:50.390 Yearwood, Shannon So if you have any pressing topics, anything that you want us to do or have resources now is a great time for you to ask to have that conversation, to start that and we are gonna see how I got this alright.

0:10:50.490 --> 0:10:54.410 Yearwood, Shannon So I believe I am passing it off to you, my friend Susan Fiore.

0:10:57.0 --> 0:10:57.890 Fiore, Susan Thank you, Shannon.

0:10:57.900 --> 0:10:58.990 Fiore, Susan Yep, that's me.

0:10:59.440 --> 0:11:9.140

Fiore, Susan And I just wanted to give a highlight on an action item and I'm gonna share here for a second, OK.

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Fiore, Susan

So we released the Healthy Food Certification module in the CNP System a few weeks ago and I just wanted to give folks a reminder of this two-step process that you need to follow to submit your Healthy Food Certification Statement.

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Fiore, Susan

Because we do get a lot of questions every year from the claims preparer who can't enter the HFC statement and then from the authorized signers who can't start it because the claims prepare hasn't started their role.

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Fiore, Susan

So the two parts are that the claims prepare first enrolls the district in the school nutrition programs for the 2023-24 school year.

0:11:47.810 --> 0:11:49.500 Fiore, Susan And once they do that, they're done.

0:11:49.510 --> 0:11:50.780 Fiore, Susan They cannot do anything else.

0:11:50.790 --> 0:11:55.380 Fiore, Susan They cannot do the HFC statement, only the authorized signers can do that.

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Fiore, Susan And so that's part 2 and that's the authorized signer, either 1 or 2 complete the HFC statement and certifies and submits it.

0:12:2.890 --> 0:12:7.160 Fiore, Susan So just a quick reminder that information is in our instructions.

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Fiore, Susan

I have the chart here from those instructions up just to kind of give you that summary and it defines who does what.

0:12:14.270 --> 0:12:15.870 Fiore, Susan So take a look at that.

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Fiore, Susan If you're not sure, and if for if you can't get in to the authorized signer part, it's because you're not the authorized signer.

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Fiore, Susan

So just remember claims preparer enrolls and authorized signer completes and if you're looking for more information just as another reminder, let me pull over our HFC webpage.

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Fiore, Susan We do have the new this year, a training module, about 18 minutes long on how to complete the HFC statement.

0:12:44.510 --> 0:12:49.110 Fiore, Susan And so if you need some assistance, you can take a look at that and that will help you as well.

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Fiore, Susan Feel free to reach out to me with any questions on that, but if you follow the instructions which are indicated right here on the Apply webpage, you should not have any issues at all.

0:13:1.350 --> 0:13:3.280 Fiore, Susan And I think that's it for me for now.

0:13:3.290 --> 0:13:6.290 Fiore, Susan I'll be back later and I will stop sharing this.

0:13:8.30 --> 0:13:10.500 Fogarty, Sean It's perfect moment because we have a question in the chat as well.

0:13:11.950 --> 0:13:15.640 Fogarty, Sean So our first question in the chat is from Jen Bove.

0:13:15.910 --> 0:13:27.470 Fogarty, Sean She's asking, have we had any clarification from USDA if the drop in the CEP qualifying ISP would be effective for the 23-24 school year or if it wouldn't be until the following year?

0:13:29.230 --> 0:13:31.130 Yearwood, Shannon Do you wanna take that Sean or I'm just kidding.

0:13:31.240 --> 0:13:33.420 Yearwood, Shannon It's that.

0:13:33.430 --> 0:13:38.20 Yearwood, Shannon So no Jen right now until they close the proposed rule.

0:13:38.30 --> 0:13:55.440 Yearwood, Shannon So the proposed until they close the proposed rule and then they need to go through all of the comments that have been submitted and my understanding has been that this has been a very popular one for commenting and they'll have to go through all of that and then figure out how they need to proceed.

0:13:55.550 --> 0:13:58.260 Yearwood, Shannon And then what they'll do is issue a final rule.

0:13:58.390 --> 0:14:12.750

Yearwood, Shannon So I know the the optimistic thinking was that perhaps it would be for next school year and it would be a very unprecedented timing for it to turn it around that quickly.

0:14:12.760 --> 0:14:14.590 Yearwood, Shannon So I don't know.

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Yearwood, Shannon

We'll have to see because the other challenge is, is that if the issue the final rule effective for next school year, but it happened after the start of the school year, then they will be in the position of having to either issue nationwide waiver, a nationwide waiver or receive and process and consider individual state waiver requests to allow schools to start the move.

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Yearwood, Shannon

That deadline for starting CEP and during the school year since that now we're we're now that we've, you know ended with a lot of the flexibilities that was not one that was available during COVID but our ability to request waivers has been I'm much more.

0:14:58.340 --> 0:14:59.970 Yearwood, Shannon Curtailed these days.

0:14:59.980 --> 0:15:15.400 Yearwood, Shannon So I don't know what that will look like, but it it's seeing as it's May 4th and the next school year starts July 1st and the comments are not due until a few days from now it would it danger things have happened.

0:15:15.410 --> 0:15:16.80 Yearwood, Shannon We've seen them.

0:15:16.90 --> 0:15:16.900 Yearwood, Shannon We've been part of them.

0:15:16.910 --> 0:15:25.910 Yearwood, Shannon We've been experiencing them, but the timing would be impressive if if it was able to be implemented by the start of next school year at least.

0:15:30.880 --> 0:15:31.550 Fogarty, Sean She thanks you.

0:15:34.80 --> 0:15:34.820 Yearwood, Shannon You're very welcome.

0:15:38.210 --> 0:15:38.690 Yearwood, Shannon Alright.

0:15:39.580 --> 0:15:39.870 Cooke, Caroline OK.

0:15:39.880 --> 0:15:49.650 Cooke, Caroline I think we've talked about the comment period a couple times now, so I'm guessing we can move on to the Summer Meals Site Finder opening as of today.

0:15:50.700 --> 0:15:51.360 Yearwood, Shannon We can.

0:15:50.680 --> 0:15:58.480 Cooke, Caroline So US USDA's nationwide Summer Meals Site Finder is open and available as of today.

0:15:59.670 --> 0:16:5.860 Cooke, Caroline So it is my pleasure to inform you that sites do not magically end up on your on the Site Finder.

0:16:5.870 --> 0:16:7.470 Cooke, Caroline So your sites are not there.

0:16:8.960 --> 0:16:13.10 Cooke, Caroline In order to have sites on the Site Finder, they have to have gone through the approval process.

0:16:13.20 --> 0:16:16.50 Cooke, Caroline So it starts this early because there are schools.

0:16:16.460 --> 0:16:22.650 Cooke, Caroline I'm not sure about this early, but certainly down south schools close out earlier than we do up north, so.

0:16:24.830 --> 0:16:54.20

Cooke, Caroline

It's available in the event that there are meal sites open and available starting this early so your sites will not be there as always until you've gone through the application process, submitted your application and your sites have been approved and I am going to squeeze in another quick reminder, although it's not on the screen, just to let you know that we will be here same time next week with the next installment of annual Summer Meals training.

0:16:54.350 --> 0:16:58.200 Cooke, Caroline So next week we'll be on SFSP regulations.

0:16:58.250 --> 0:17:3.20 Cooke, Caroline So all of the SFSP sponsors should be participating in that training.

0:17:3.890 --> 0:17:15.70 Cooke, Caroline Seamless summer option sponsors are more than welcome to attend, but it's sometimes get does get a little bit confusing because there are some and small differences between the two programs.

0:17:15.80 --> 0:17:20.700 Cooke, Caroline So if you decide to take the week off, we will not hold that against you and that's it for me.

0:17:26.600 --> 0:17:27.40 Yearwood, Shannon Great.

0:17:29.720 --> 0:17:29.970 Fogarty, Sean No.

0:17:29.980 --> 0:17:30.210 Fogarty, Sean Great.

0:17:30.220 --> 0:17:30.540 Fogarty, Sean Thank you.

0:17:27.50 --> 0:17:32.200 Yearwood, Shannon You leave your option and and with Andy too.

0:17:34.250 --> 0:17:34.730 Fogarty, Sean Perfect.

0:17:34.740 --> 0:17:35.120 Fogarty, Sean Yeah.

0:17:34.800 --> 0:17:35.320 Paul, Andrew Thanks.

0:17:35.130 --> 0:17:35.670 Fogarty, Sean So I don't know.

0:17:35.680 --> 0:17:36.630 Fogarty, Sean Uh, Andy, how you feel?

0:17:36.340 --> 0:17:38.530 Paul, Andrew Yeah, yeah, I don't.

0:17:38.540 --> 0:17:38.770 Paul, Andrew I'll.

0:17:38.960 --> 0:17:39.600 Paul, Andrew I'll jump in.

0:17:39.610 --> 0:17:40.310 Paul, Andrew I'll start there.

0:17:41.890 --> 0:17:42.50 Fogarty, Sean Sure. 0:17:40.320 --> 0:18:13.660

Paul, Andrew

I'll start this off, so USDA released a memo on best practices for contracting with food service management companies on April 21st, which is is good for next year's districts that have to go out to bid because it doesn't help anybody that went out to to bid this year, but it does have some good information, a lot of stuff that we already do cover with districts that are contracting and you know it things like before going out to bid, what do you need to do?

0:18:13.670 --> 0:18:15.50 Paul, Andrew What do you need to look at?

0:18:15.660 --> 0:18:17.230 Paul, Andrew What do you need to process?

0:18:17.700 --> 0:18:30.350 Paul, Andrew

Something like a price cost analysis on that, should that's something that could be done before you go out to bid determining what aspects food service management company is gonna do for you.

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Paul, Andrew

Obviously this doesn't affect everybody here, but it does affect those that that do contract with the food service management company or if you're interested in doing something like that shown and I are here to answer any questions at any point, whether whether here, during SLT or sending us an email, sometimes we have office hours, open office hours just to come in and answer questions, offer people, umm, let's see what else?

0:19:3.430 --> 0:19:12.900

Paul, Andrew

No, and contract labor contract provisions to consider in a contract that was added into this memo, which is, which is kind of interesting.

0:19:13.860 --> 0:19:24.410 Paul, Andrew On it pretty much we we cover a lot of this stuff already during our annual uh RFP process.

0:19:26.470 --> 0:19:28.180 Paul, Andrew Uh, and training.

0:19:28.330 --> 0:19:28.970 Paul, Andrew Sorry about that.

0:19:29.230 --> 0:19:29.470 Paul, Andrew Yeah.

0:19:29.660 --> 0:19:47.630 Paul, Andrew And there is one aspect that we did get information for that will affect everybody and that that affects new lunch and new lunch wages, new new wages for staff that begins June 1st.

0:19:47.860 --> 0:19:49.940 Paul, Andrew Sean you wanna talk about that for a second.

0:19:50.390 --> 0:19:51.330 Fogarty, Sean Yeah, happy to.

0:19:51.380 --> 0:19:51.630 Fogarty, Sean Yeah.

0:19:51.640 --> 0:20:0.770 Fogarty, Sean So just a reminder for folks that are based on Public Act 19-4 that the governor signed some years ago, we've had a steady minimum wage increase over these last few years.

0:20:1.40 --> 0:20:6.420 Fogarty, Sean The final step in that is \$15 an hour starting on June 1st of 2023.

0:20:6.840 --> 0:20:9.830 Fogarty, Sean At that point forward, it's gonna be really tied.

0:20:9.880 --> 0:20:17.750 Fogarty, Sean You know, into cost-of-living increases going forward, but we definitely wanna make sure that you're aware of it just so you can make sure you have your plan set in place.

0:20:17.760 --> 0:20:32.430 Fogarty, Sean I know we've already talked to a few different schools that went out to bid this year and for some of you it may not matter because you may be already paying your folks over that amount, but certainly definitely take a look at that public act and make sure that it is going to impact you.

0:20:32.440 --> 0:20:34.90 Fogarty, Sean You wanna fact then to your wages?

0:20:35.590 --> 0:20:35.900 Paul, Andrew Yeah.

0:20:35.910 --> 0:20:43.900 Paul, Andrew

Not just make one last comment on if you do, there's only one district that I know of that's required to go out to bid next year.

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Paul, Andrew

That would be Norwalk, cause they're utilizing their final ohh renewal option so they have to go out to bid.

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Paul, Andrew

If they continue to outsource their food service, so if anybody else is interested in moving from self up to food service management company, definitely reach out to us.

0:21:1.830 --> 0:21:7.410 Paul, Andrew It's part of the process and because we have a we have a specific template you have to use.

0:21:7.420 --> 0:21:9.730 Paul, Andrew We have specific process you have to follow.

0:21:10.370 --> 0:21:12.680 Paul, Andrew So definitely reach out to us with any questions.

0:21:13.50 --> 0:21:13.370 Paul, Andrew Thank you.

0:21:14.590 --> 0:21:15.470 Fogarty, Sean Yeah, and good.

0:21:15.480 --> 0:21:19.100 Fogarty, Sean Good segue, Andy, cause we do have one question that's come in from Becky Tyrell.

0:21:19.250 --> 0:21:21.660 Fogarty, Sean I'll just read that for the the folks here on the line.

0:21:21.910 --> 0:21:31.170

Fogarty, Sean

So I she writes that I understand that you require the improvements of the BOE meeting where the HFC was voted upon in order to substantiate that the minutes were approved.

0:21:31.180 --> 0:21:36.510

Fogarty, Sean

Do you also want the minutes from the meeting where those HFC minutes were approved, and she hopes that that makes sense?

0:21:38.370 --> 0:21:38.880 Fiore, Susan It.

0:21:38.90 --> 0:21:39.560 Paul, Andrew Send that to Susan Fiore.

0:21:39.150 --> 0:21:42.490 Fiore, Susan Yeah, that's, that's me and Becky.

0:21:39.900 --> 0:21:42.640 Fogarty, Sean No, for Susan, my apologies.

0:21:42.500 --> 0:21:45.70 Fiore, Susan Yes, that that makes sense 100%.

0:21:45.480 --> 0:21:51.0 Fiore, Susan So yes, Healthy Food Certification is based on the final approved minutes from the board.

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Fiore, Susan

So what you need to do is submit the file if you can submit the final minutes prior to the July 1 deadline, go ahead and do that.

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Fiore, Susan

If you are waiting on that final approval of the final minutes and just to make it simple to understand, let's say you vote in May to participate in HFC and then the board in June votes to approve the all of the minutes that were voted on in the May meeting.

0:22:18.930 --> 0:22:22.400 Fiore, Susan We do need both of those, so we need to know those those final minutes.

0:22:22.410 --> 0:22:33.540

Fiore, Susan

So if if you're in time for July 1, you can just wait and send me the final version as long as it includes the language from the prior meeting, if that makes sense.

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Fiore, Susan

Sometimes the language is just the board approves the main minutes and it doesn't have any language in it about what they approve.

0:22:41.10 --> 0:22:46.350 Fiore, Susan

And so if that's the case, I would need the main minutes and then the June minutes where they said that they approved it.

0:22:46.430 --> 0:22:48.820 Fiore, Susan Becky, give me a heads up if that makes sense.

0:22:56.960 --> 0:22:59.410 Yearwood, Shannon And that will help me know if I actually set the meeting options correctly.

0:23:5.430 --> 0:23:6.370 Fogarty, Sean She says make sense.

0:23:11.180 --> 0:23:11.520 Yearwood, Shannon Think.

0:23:11.530 --> 0:23:12.0 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah.

0:23:12.290 --> 0:23:12.570 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah.

0:23:12.580 --> 0:23:29.750

Yearwood, Shannon And then and just to to just make sure everybody heard, Sean also with that June 1st date, so the the minimum wage has been an incremental increase over the last few years and it's been different months, right, where it has increased.

0:23:29.760 --> 0:23:37.170 Yearwood, Shannon And so we're so used to things being on the state fiscal year, I got tripped up by that thinking it was July 1st.

0:23:37.180 --> 0:23:39.80 Yearwood, Shannon But it's really June 1st, right, Sean?

0:23:39.930 --> 0:23:40.560 Fogarty, Sean That's correct.

0:23:40.570 --> 0:23:40.760 Fogarty, Sean Yep.

0:23:40.770 --> 0:23:43.380 Fogarty, Sean So last year was July 1st, 2022.

0:23:43.390 --> 0:23:46.30 Fogarty, Sean This year will be June 1st, 2023.

0:23:47.590 --> 0:23:48.980 Yearwood, Shannon Alright, so thank you.

0:23:48.990 --> 0:23:51.310 Yearwood, Shannon That's a it's a winner.

0:23:51.450 --> 0:23:53.760 Yearwood, Shannon When Sean send me that information, I was like, wait a minute.

0:23:53.770 --> 0:23:54.680 Yearwood, Shannon That doesn't make sense.

0:23:54.690 --> 0:24:0.180 Yearwood, Shannon It's not a state fiscal year, but looking at the last several years, it's been kind of all over the place for the month.

0:24:0.360 --> 0:24:11.680 Yearwood, Shannon Definitely make sure that you guys are taking that into account also or the few days in June that year folks will be working before they go into summer meals and then they'll be working throughout that.

0:24:11.690 --> 0:24:16.910 Yearwood, Shannon But also for any forecasting you have for next year, refer your staffing.

0:24:17.850 --> 0:24:18.290 Yearwood, Shannon All right.

0:24:19.510 --> 0:24:20.860 Yearwood, Shannon Where are we at?

0:24:21.90 --> 0:24:22.860 Yearwood, Shannon Ohh Susan Fiore.

0:24:22.870 --> 0:24:25.530 Yearwood, Shannon You cooked up some new resources, right?

0:24:27.310 --> 0:24:27.760 Fiore, Susan Right.

0:24:27.770 --> 0:24:31.200 Fiore, Susan So it it, it seems like all of the rest are pretty much mine.

0:24:31.210 --> 0:24:37.370 Fiore, Susan So, ah, I'll just kind of lump them all together and it folks have questions.

0:24:37.380 --> 0:24:39.160 Fiore, Susan Throw them in the chat or raise your hands.

0:24:40.90 --> 0:24:40.380 Fiore, Susan Yeah.

0:24:40.390 --> 0:25:10.570 Fiore, Susan

So the two new resources that we have on how to use the grains ounce equivalents chart, we have one for the NLSP and SBP and another one for the ASP and that's because the meal patterns for those two programs have different requirements for grains. In the NSLP and SBP for K12, we have ounce equivalents and in the ASP meal pattern for K12, we have grains/breads servings and I'm sure you're pretty familiar that an ounce equivalent is a little bit more than a grains/breads serving.

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Fiore, Susan

So you could choose to use ounce equivalents in the ASP, but you couldn't choose to grain/bread grains/breads servings in the NSLP and SPP.

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Fiore, Susan

So that's why we have two separate handouts, and basically what those resources do is they help you use what we call Exhibit A, which is the USDA chart on ounce equivalents that equal, umm, the that, excuse me, the different amounts of grains servings that equal 1 ounce equivalent depending on the type of food.

0:25:44.50 --> 0:25:48.660 Fiore, Susan And so this chart can be used for commercial products.

0:25:48.670 --> 0:26:0.430 Fiore, Susan

That's typically how you use it to you look up the the weight of the product from the serving size on the Nutrition Facts label and you compare it with the required weight in.

0:26:0.870 --> 0:26:1.450 Fiore, Susan Exhibit A.

0:26:2.570 --> 0:26:5.290 Fiore, Susan And, it can also be used for standardized recipes.

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Fiore, Susan

However, you would need to know the weight of the cooked serving of that recipe, so if you were making a cornbread, cornbread from scratch, let's say you would need to know what that serving weight in order to use the Exhibit A.

0:26:17.520 --> 0:26:20.600 Fiore, Susan If you don't know the weight, you can do one of two things.

0:26:20.610 --> 0:26:27.610 Fiore, Susan You have to use the creditable grains method and we have a lot of resources on how to do that.

0:26:27.720 --> 0:26:30.670 Fiore, Susan Or you could do a yield study to determine the weight.

0:26:30.860 --> 0:26:33.800 Fiore, Susan The average weight of 1 serving. So what

0:26:33.810 --> 0:26:47.730 Fiore, Susan This handout does is it it addresses foods in groups A through G and those foods are things like breads and rolls and muffins and cookies and crackers and pretzels, and basically all the baked goods.

0:26:47.920 --> 0:26:55.260 Fiore, Susan Group H is cereal grains like oatmeal and quinoa and rice, and then group I is ready to eat breakfast cereals.

0:26:55.270 --> 0:26:57.850 Fiore, Susan Those two are not included in this handout.

0:26:58.10 --> 0:27:7.970

Fiore, Susan

This handout only addresses baked goods and it shows you how you can calculate the ounce equivalents contribution of a grain menu item or the number of pieces.

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Fiore, Susan

So for example, if you're serving pretzels or crackers, you can calculate how many pretzels or crackers you need to serve to meet that 1 ounce equivalent.

0:27:16.100 --> 0:27:18.0 Fiore, Susan So there's a lot of information in there.

0:27:18.540 --> 0:27:28.210

Fiore, Susan

Again, two different handouts, one for NSLP and SBP K 12 and one for ASP K12 and hopefully those will give you some useful information.

0:27:29.170 --> 0:27:29.530 Fiore, Susan Umm.

0:27:29.810 --> 0:27:50.280 Fiore, Susan

In addition, rolled up into that, we have a lot of updates to our grain component resources and a couple weeks ago we released the latest module of what's in the meal, which is module 11 on the grains component. Module 12, which is whole grain rich requirement and 13 which is oz equivalents will hopefully be out next week.

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Fiore, Susan

Fingers crossed, waiting for a few glitches to be resolved, so hopefully we'll have the full suite of grain modules done.

0:27:57.670 --> 0:27:58.30 Fiore, Susan Uh.

0:27:58.40 --> 0:28:12.230

Fiore, Susan

Within the next week or so, and as we do that, we update all of the resources to include links to those resources as well as additional guidance and new content that's been developed as part of the training modules.

0:28:13.50 --> 0:28:15.400 Fiore, Susan So all of those resources are there for you.

0:28:15.410 --> 0:28:31.10

Fiore, Susan

One thing I did want to highlight is a new feature that we have on all of the What's in a Meal modules and and let me just share my screen so that I can show you what I'm talking about and that is our new Chapter feature.

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Yearwood, Shannon

Can I just say this is so exciting when Susan Fiore told me she figured this out, I was like at my mind was blown. So.

0:28:41.250 --> 0:28:44.220 Fiore, Susan Well, you know, we're always trying to make this as user-friendly as possible.

0:28:44.230 --> 0:28:47.890 Fiore, Susan And to be honest, grains are the least user-friendly thing on the planet.

0:28:48.60 --> 0:28:50.630 Fiore, Susan They're very they're very complicated.

0:28:51.60 --> 0:29:5.280 Fiore, Susan There's a lot of information and it's very hard to make it user friendly, so one of the things that we have done is try to break it into separate modules, but most of those grains modules are are over an hour.

0:29:5.290 --> 0:29:8.790 Fiore, Susan So it's somewhere about an hour and 15 minutes, an hour and a half, depending on the content.

0:29:8.800 --> 0:29:18.690 Fiore, Susan So it's still a lot and one of the things that we figured out that we could do recently is divided into chapters like you'd have titles in a handout.

0:29:18.700 --> 0:29:25.30 Fiore, Susan We have titles in our videos, so if you're in the module and this is, I have the grains one up here.

0:29:25.40 --> 0:29:28.390 Fiore, Susan But this is true of all of the the modules for What's in a Meal.

0:29:28.760 --> 0:29:32.860 Fiore, Susan You'll see this toolbar at the bottom here and on the far right.

0:29:32.870 --> 0:29:36.870 Fiore, Susan You'll see these three lines with the little dots, and that's our chapters function.

0:29:36.880 --> 0:29:45.470

Fiore, Susan

And if you click on it, it brings up a list of all of the sections in the module, and you can click on a section and go directly there.

0:29:45.900 --> 0:29:48.370 Fiore, Susan Now this is what we really would recommend.

0:29:48.380 --> 0:29:49.350 Fiore, Susan We wouldn't recommend that.

0:29:49.360 --> 0:29:52.670 Fiore, Susan You're that you're skipping around and not seeing the whole module.

0:29:52.680 --> 0:30:4.330 Fiore, Susan

Of course we want you to see the whole module, but if you are, if you've listened and you want a little more clarification, or you need to go back to a section or later on, you've you wanna come in and just listen to something again.

0:30:4.340 --> 0:30:9.760 Fiore, Susan This is really useful, so it lets you skip around and then go back from the beginning wherever you want to go.

0:30:9.820 --> 0:30:17.300

Fiore, Susan So were there within that module and we're hoping that that makes it a little bit easier to navigate some of these longer modules.

0:30:18.70 --> 0:30:22.660 Fiore, Susan We're always trying to think of different ways to to make these again as user friendly as possible.

0:30:22.670 --> 0:30:27.160 Fiore, Susan So that's the latest feature regarding our our modules.

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Fiore, Susan

And then just one last thing regarding the grains of, as you know, we have tons and tons of resources and I just wanted to remind you that on our this is the Crediting Foods in School Nutrition Programs, webpage and if you click on the green section, all of the resources that are in our last couple weeks of School Lunch Tray and that we've just been talking about are here and they're by content.

0:30:53.330 --> 0:30:55.50 Fiore, Susan So you can find information on.

0:30:56.430 --> 0:31:0.660 Fiore, Susan Creditable grains and on grain based desserts and ounce equivalents.

0:31:1.170 --> 0:31:5.800 Fiore, Susan Here's where our new handout is that we're just talking about and the whole grain rich requirement.

0:31:5.810 --> 0:31:7.740 Fiore, Susan So everything's right there for you.

0:31:8.150 --> 0:31:12.870 Fiore, Susan And if you're having any questions about resources, please reach out to me.

0:31:12.880 --> 0:31:19.670 Fiore, Susan I can help you find them and if you have any thoughts for our existing resources or things you'd like to see, let us know that as well.

0:31:20.570 --> 0:31:28.940 Fiore, Susan

and I think that's probably all I wanted to touch base on for all of our grains resources, but I'm happy to answer any questions.

0:31:31.280 --> 0:31:31.460 Fiore, Susan Yeah.

0:31:30.200 --> 0:31:32.720 Dandeneau, Therese Yes, Susan, this is Teri.

0:31:33.250 --> 0:31:33.640 Fiore, Susan Hi, Teri.

0:31:34.340 --> 0:31:45.810 Dandeneau, Therese Well, I just wanted to remind everyone, when you take these modules, you wanna make sure that you keep records of the modules that you've taken for your professional standards.

0:31:46.200 --> 0:31:51.440 Dandeneau, Therese Susan, can you tell them how they can keep a record for their professional standards? Thanks.

0:31:49.680 --> 0:31:52.110 Fiore, Susan Yes, I would be happy to do that.

0:31:52.120 --> 0:31:57.20 Fiore, Susan Let me bring up What's in a Meal real quick.

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Fiore, Susan

Umm, because we make reference to this and I know we've still had questions from people, so we do not provide certificates for the What's in a Meal training modules or any of the recorded training modules that are online.

0:32:11.120 --> 0:32:17.980 Fiore, Susan But we do provide and suggest that you create a copy of your knowledge.

0:32:17.990 --> 0:32:24.70

Fiore, Susan

Check. Each of these modules has a knowledge check at the end where you get a score and you can print out that knowledge.

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Fiore, Susan

Check and score as two things documentation that you attended the training and if you're looking to do any kind of CEUs through whatever organization you're certified with, you can use that as documentation as well and and so right here we tell you after viewing each module, you can create a knowledge check.

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Fiore, Susan

You may print your knowledge, check score to document participation and we still get folks that contact us and say I didn't print my knowledge check.

0:32:50.390 --> 0:32:51.440 Fiore, Susan Can I get it from you?

0:32:51.950 --> 0:32:52.730 Fiore, Susan We don't.

0:32:52.910 --> 0:33:1.360

Fiore, Susan

We can go in the back end and find out if you attended and how you did, but we can't actually print out what you see at the end of your training.

0:33:1.510 --> 0:33:14.890

Fiore, Susan

So I would just strongly encourage you to go ahead and whenever you complete a training, just press print because your knowledge check will be right there for you with your scores and that'll help you with documenting your attendance and maintaining any CEUs that you need to do.

0:33:17.150 --> 0:33:19.0 Yearwood, Shannon Hey, I'm going to jump in here with some questions.

0:33:19.70 --> 0:33:19.560 Yearwood, Shannon I know it.

0:33:19.570 --> 0:33:23.900 Yearwood, Shannon I know you love it when I do that, so this is actually fair.

0:33:23.910 --> 0:33:26.280 Yearwood, Shannon The school for the the school team here.

0:33:27.20 --> 0:33:29.630 Yearwood, Shannon Umm you know how to go through the 30s?

0:33:29.640 --> 0:33:33.720 Yearwood, Shannon They have to do for the sponsors who are participating in NSLP.

0:33:33.730 --> 0:33:41.50 Yearwood, Shannon They're there's that annual training requirement for their staff and I know we have to cover civil rights and a few other mandatory areas.

0:33:41.710 --> 0:33:50.700 Yearwood, Shannon Umm do you guys think that this could potentially be something that's sponsors could use as part of their annual training for those for their staff?

0:33:52.620 --> 0:33:55.100 Dandeneau, Therese I am so glad that you asked Shannon.

0:33:57.790 --> 0:33:58.680 Dandeneau, Therese Absolutely.

0:33:58.690 --> 0:33:59.320 Dandeneau, Therese And you know what?

0:33:59.330 --> 0:34:7.380 Dandeneau, Therese Take advantage of these modules and you know, maybe showing them at your annual trainings at the beginning of the school year.

0:34:7.710 --> 0:34:8.980 Dandeneau, Therese They are great refresher.

0:34:8.990 --> 0:34:17.920 Dandeneau, Therese This is why these modules take an enormous amount of work and you don't know how much work they take until you do them.

0:34:17.930 --> 0:34:19.460 Dandeneau, Therese Let me trust me on that one.

0:34:19.910 --> 0:34:25.580 Dandeneau, Therese And so we want you to take full advantage of these modules, some of them.

0:34:25.670 --> 0:34:27.700 Dandeneau, Therese And they're not just around the meal pattern.

0:34:27.710 --> 0:34:32.160 Dandeneau, Therese We also have the application certification modules that are available to you.

0:34:32.650 --> 0:34:42.580 Dandeneau, Therese As Shannon indicated earlier, we have no idea what USDA is doing with all of the paper documents and that we know they're updating them, but we don't know what the impact that's going to have.

0:34:43.320 --> 0:34:46.120 Dandeneau, Therese I take advantage of all of these modules that are available.

0:34:46.130 --> 0:34:53.920 Dandeneau, Therese Use them to the fullest and some of them are longer than others and so you know, take that into consideration too.

0:34:53.930 --> 0:34:57.280 Dandeneau, Therese You can do easily a few of them are an hour long.

0:34:57.290 --> 0:34:58.110 Dandeneau, Therese You can pause.

0:34:58.120 --> 0:35:0.90 Dandeneau, Therese Have them ask questions. Whatever.

0:35:0.100 --> 0:35:3.120 Dandeneau, Therese But Shannon, that's a great point that they can use it for their annual trainings. 0:35:3.920 --> 0:35:4.650 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah, and everything.

0:35:4.660 --> 0:35:13.690

Yearwood, Shannon You know, I'm thinking we're we're constantly looking for ways to help other folks save time, and I know how we have definitely put a lot of time and and energy into these.

0:35:13.700 --> 0:35:22.630 Yearwood, Shannon So hopefully it can help you guys not have to come up with your own trainings and just make sure you have all the other portions that you do have couched in that training.

0:35:22.860 --> 0:35:26.270 Yearwood, Shannon And I wanna make a little bit of a of a confession here.

0:35:26.280 --> 0:35:33.950 Yearwood, Shannon So part of the reason I love the chapters is because I so rarely have a full hour of uninterrupted time.

0:35:45.250 --> 0:35:45.680 Fiore, Susan Uh-huh.

0:35:33.960 --> 0:35:46.230 Yearwood, Shannon So what I can do is say, OK, I'm going to watch 15 minutes this day and then tomorrow I'm gonna watch this 15 minutes and I can easily write down what chapter I'm in instead of scrolling and trying to figure out, like, where was I?

0:35:46.240 --> 0:35:46.960 Yearwood, Shannon What's going on?

0:35:46.970 --> 0:35:48.790 Yearwood, Shannon Did I have to log back into that?

0:35:49.60 --> 0:35:56.920 Yearwood, Shannon The other thing I'm gonna admit, and yes, I know this is gonna be public and recorded when I don't always get 100% on the knowledge checks.

0:35:58.300 --> 0:35:59.630 Yearwood, Shannon It's it's true.

0:35:59.720 --> 0:36:12.520 Yearwood, Shannon

So now what I can do is I can say OK, what didn't I understand and go back exactly to that spot and say ohh that's what I that's what I was missing.

0:36:12.530 --> 0:36:14.600 Yearwood, Shannon And then suddenly it makes more sense.

0:36:14.610 --> 0:36:21.800 Yearwood, Shannon So I know team now, you know, I watch sometimes I watch it and I watch it in chapters and I get things wrong.

0:36:21.810 --> 0:36:26.100 Yearwood, Shannon But then I can easily go back and make sure that I'm gonna remember it better for the next time.

0:36:28.760 --> 0:36:29.890 Yearwood, Shannon Is Susan Fiore about to mute me?

0:36:31.430 --> 0:36:32.360 Fiore, Susan No, not at all.

0:36:31.840 --> 0:36:32.450 Paul, Andrew Super.

0:36:32.370 --> 0:36:33.400 Fiore, Susan That's the whole point.

0:36:33.410 --> 0:36:35.640 Fiore, Susan That's the beauty of it, you know. It's it's.

0:36:35.690 --> 0:36:36.360 Fiore, Susan It's whatever.

0:36:36.370 --> 0:36:37.140 Fiore, Susan Whatever works.

0:36:37.150 --> 0:36:40.740 Fiore, Susan Whatever your learning style is, all at once, bits and pieces.

0:36:40.750 --> 0:36:53.500 Fiore, Susan You know, we're trying to make it again as user friendly as we can possibly do, knowing that it's

impossible to shorten some of these modules without sacrificing the content and the knowledge you need to know.

0:36:54.490 --> 0:36:59.90 Fiore, Susan Hopefully it's just one more tool that makes it easier for you, makes it easier for you to use the modules.

0:36:59.580 --> 0:37:0.190 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah.

0:37:0.260 --> 0:37:4.790 Yearwood, Shannon And it is, you know, we looked at by we, I mean the royal we, Susan Fiore.

0:37:4.860 --> 0:37:14.380 Yearwood, Shannon And one of our counterparts here at the state agency went through all of these different options and so many of them required you to log in, get started.

0:37:14.420 --> 0:37:18.790 Yearwood, Shannon So This is why I'm so excited about the chapter feature, because it's just so user friendly.

0:37:19.520 --> 0:37:25.900 Yearwood, Shannon And we really don't throughout the agency where we're really the first to to foray into this area.

0:37:25.910 --> 0:37:34.910 Yearwood, Shannon So it just it in honor of School Lunch Hero Week, we get to also be pioneers in some of the training offerings that we have at the agency.

0:37:35.820 --> 0:37:51.520 Yearwood, Shannon And one of the other things that I neglected to mention is as we are, I don't know someday it's going to warm up and we're going to have some summer weather and we're gonna all be talking about summer meals on the USDA is really wanting to get out and about.

0:37:51.530 --> 0:37:53.880 Yearwood, Shannon And we love to showcase Connecticut.

0:37:53.890 --> 0:38:3.840 Yearwood, Shannon So don't throw a special event just for us, but if you do have some events planned, if you have some, umm, outreach activity, is plans.

0:38:12.250 --> 0:38:12.520 Maineri, Terese 2.

Yearwood, Shannon If you we've got some great partners and I don't know Terese, I can put you on the spot if you want to talk about some of our partnerships with outreach coming up around the bend, but when you plan those events, let us know, especially if you want USDA and ourselves to show up and help celebrate with you.

0:38:21.380 --> 0:38:22.640 Yearwood, Shannon Sorry Terese, I gave you a warning.

0:38:21.490 --> 0:38:24.0 Maineri, Terese I guess that's OK.

0:38:3.850 --> 0:38:19.340

0:38:24.10 --> 0:38:25.490 Maineri, Terese I can speak about our partners.

0:38:25.970 --> 0:38:28.310 Maineri, Terese We're working with Uconn Extension.

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Maineri, Terese They'll be doing a component of umm, I'm sorry, there's a couple of my screen, but anyway they're doing a a component of farm to summer is similar to farm to school.

0:38:40.320 --> 0:38:42.970 Maineri, Terese They're looking for sponsors that can partner with them.

0:38:43.160 --> 0:38:52.530 Maineri, Terese In the past, they've done taste tests and means to promote summer meals and really working with local farmers to bring produce from the area.

0:38:52.700 --> 0:38:55.740 Maineri, Terese So I was able to visit a few of these last year.

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Maineri, Terese

I know they spoke to you during the outreach webinar last year, but it was really a great great to see an action and a really they have a lot of resources about how to market the event and to really use it as a promotional tool.

0:39:12.310 --> 0:39:16.0 Maineri, Terese We're also working with and Connecticut Food Share.

0:39:16.470 --> 0:39:18.20 Maineri, Terese There are new partner for us.

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Maineri, Terese They'll they of course run the pantries and the mobile distribution sites throughout Connecticut, and we're really excited about working with them on outreach.

0:39:48.910 --> 0:39:49.410 Paul, Andrew That's right.

0:39:29.0 --> 0:39:54.560

Maineri, Terese

They'll be providing materials and referrals to your existing sites, but they also provide an opportunity for us to partner with sponsors that might be near or have interest to collaborate and provide summer meal sites at the at one of their mobile distribution sites or even one of their food pantries.

0:39:55.530 --> 0:39:59.530 Maineri, Terese And lastly, we're working with the right center.

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Maineri, Terese They're gonna continue the evaluation of summer meals, really looking at best practices and promoting summer meals.

0:40:5.790 --> 0:40:12.100 Maineri, Terese As you know, they had requested different information over the last.

0:40:12.110 --> 0:40:13.520 Maineri, Terese I think it was three years.

0:40:14.890 --> 0:40:16.230 Yearwood, Shannon Yes, I think of three years, yeah.

0:40:13.570 --> 0:40:49.170

Maineri, Terese

Maybe I'm wrong, but they will be reaching out again with a survey which I'm very excited about in a really want to urge you all in participating with in the really looking at you know, the modes of outreach that are sponsors do here in Connecticut and using the responses to kind of gauge again best practices and ways that we can really incorporate outreach that really speaks to your communities because every community is different and has different things that work.

0:40:49.180 --> 0:40:53.590 Maineri, Terese So that's what we hope to look at that this year with the right center.

0:40:53.600 --> 0:41:0.970 Maineri, Terese So let me know if you have any questions or particular interest in partnering with one of our outreach partners.

0:41:0.980 --> 0:41:3.320 Maineri, Terese And I could definitely put you in touch with the right individuals.

0:41:4.480 --> 0:41:5.240 Yearwood, Shannon Thank you so much.

0:41:4.740 --> 0:41:10.920 Maineri, Terese And of course, we have the outreach training coming up on June 8th, which I know you all be at as well.

0:41:12.20 --> 0:41:12.850 Yearwood, Shannon That's awesome.

0:41:12.940 --> 0:41:15.370 Yearwood, Shannon And we are still partnering with and hunger Connecticut.

0:41:15.380 --> 0:41:16.30 Yearwood, Shannon They are.

0:41:16.460 --> 0:41:21.730 Yearwood, Shannon They're gonna be partnering very closely with food share to help with those too, so don't worry.

0:41:21.920 --> 0:41:23.950 Yearwood, Shannon You still have the summer meals location Finder.

0:41:23.960 --> 0:41:26.230 Yearwood, Shannon The outreach materials are all still going to be good.

0:41:26.270 --> 0:41:34.430 Yearwood, Shannon We're just trying to broaden and strengthen our our outreach efforts for summer and see what what works.

0:41:34.630 --> 0:41:37.300 Yearwood, Shannon I'll try not to injure myself while I'm sitting at my desk.

0:41:37.670 --> 0:41:41.150 Yearwood, Shannon If thanks so much, Terese.

0:41:41.160 --> 0:41:42.390 Yearwood, Shannon Sorry for putting you on the spot.

0:41:42.400 --> 0:41:43.680 Yearwood, Shannon I appreciate your rollling with that.

0:41:44.450 --> 0:41:44.930 Maineri, Terese No problem.

0:41:46.160 --> 0:41:46.640 Yearwood, Shannon Alright.

0:41:49.160 --> 0:41:49.320 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah.

0:41:46.850 --> 0:41:54.270 Fogarty, Sean And the just to jump in, Sean with one comment from the chat about direct certification portal, I figured I'd mentioned to the group.

0:41:54.890 --> 0:42:0.980 Fogarty, Sean So Sally Bondi wrote to us that they do still seem to be having issues with direct certification. Portal.

0:42:0.990 --> 0:42:18.740

Fogarty, Sean

Updating regularly seems to be happening only once or twice a month and they found that their experience it's been over a month since the last update and she says this is her annual plea to please have this portal roll over earlier in the summer to save countless hours figuring out applications for students who are already directly certified.

0:42:21.110 --> 0:42:22.60 Yearwood, Shannon I hear ya.

0:42:22.250 --> 0:42:23.480 Yearwood, Shannon So thank you.

0:42:23.490 --> 0:42:26.880 Yearwood, Shannon It's important you let us know when that happens on Teri.

0:42:26.890 --> 0:42:27.290 Yearwood, Shannon Go ahead.

0:42:27.490 --> 0:42:27.940 Yearwood, Shannon I'll.

0:42:27.950 --> 0:42:28.840 Yearwood, Shannon I'll follow you up.

0:42:28.890 --> 0:42:29.520 Yearwood, Shannon I thought you.

0:42:29.580 --> 0:42:31.120 Yearwood, Shannon I thought you on mute, no?

0:42:30.960 --> 0:42:33.570 Dandeneau, Therese No, I I didn't know if you wanted me to respond.

0:42:33.770 --> 0:42:45.530 Dandeneau, Therese You know, there have been issues with the process on this year and with the direct certification web application and I know that that was an issue at the beginning of April.

0:42:46.200 --> 0:42:54.240 Dandeneau, Therese You know, if you if you notice it, let me know and I will contact our IT department and I'll let Sharon will let Shannon know as well.

0:42:55.510 --> 0:42:57.640 Dandeneau, Therese I don't know if you want to add anything to that, Shannon.

0:42:57.720 --> 0:42:58.280 Dandeneau, Therese We are.

0:42:59.740 --> 0:42:59.910 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah.

0:42:58.290 --> 0:43:0.410 Dandeneau, Therese You know, what can I say?

0:43:1.170 --> 0:43:2.150 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah, it so.

0:43:1.610 --> 0:43:2.170 Dandeneau, Therese I agree.

0:43:4.30 --> 0:43:18.0 Yearwood, Shannon So we've had a lot of restructuring and our agency and so a lot of our we had the Connecticut Technical High Schools, CTECS is no longer part of our agency.

0:43:18.10 --> 0:43:24.700 Yearwood, Shannon So with that separation, we became a different type of administrative agency at the state level.

0:43:24.710 --> 0:43:32.380 Yearwood, Shannon And so are many of the features that functions we used to have in house are now handled by other agencies.

0:43:32.430 --> 0:43:44.720 Yearwood, Shannon So during that and transition time and then I believe we moved to a new secure, more secure cloud platform and we've had a lot of work done across the state agencies.

0:43:45.30 --> 0:44:0.130

Yearwood, Shannon

Unfortunately, it seems that part of that has been that the server that handles all of the direct certification matching and information had a bit of a meltdown and so there has been a lot of work to try and fix that.

0:44:0.860 --> 0:44:21.470 Yearwood, Shannon We are our IT person who is the point person for us, umm, at our agency has been having to write code and manually do the direct cert runs and as a patch while they figure out what's going on with the server and how to fix that.

0:44:21.580 --> 0:44:24.470 Yearwood, Shannon So it is less than ideal.

0:44:24.780 --> 0:44:29.700 Yearwood, Shannon We had lots and lots of panic attacks around that April 1st deadline.

0:44:29.710 --> 0:44:33.210 Yearwood, Shannon Since we went back with CEP needing to make sure that that ran.

0:44:33.220 --> 0:44:38.410 Yearwood, Shannon So I do believe he spent two to three days just trying to get that pushed through.

0:44:38.930 --> 0:44:50.730 Yearwood, Shannon I, according to the federal guidelines, so we will definitely am in close contact with him and I'll definitely speak with him about it and see if there's any sort of ETA around it.

0:44:51.630 --> 0:44:57.500 Yearwood, Shannon And then in terms of being able to run it sooner, what would you know what would be the ideal time?

0:44:57.550 --> 0:45:10.980 Yearwood, Shannon We know we have a a bunch of time because it's the same data that we will the IT it interfaces with a lot of other databases that use student data within our agencies.

0:45:10.990 --> 0:45:17.730 Yearwood, Shannon So we have always, like there's always this roll over time and we have to make special considerations during that time.

0:45:17.740 --> 0:45:24.350 Yearwood, Shannon But if you had an ideal time that you would like that to roll over, put it in the chat box.

0:45:24.360 --> 0:45:27.120 Yearwood, Shannon No promises, but at least then we have something to aim for.

0:45:28.180 --> 0:45:30.830 Yearwood, Shannon Teri, did I say anything that would be out of line with how we can do it?

0:45:31.590 --> 0:45:33.840 Dandeneau, Therese No, but I do wanna point out something.

0:45:34.590 --> 0:45:38.620 Dandeneau, Therese I know that ideally I think anyway everybody would love it to happen.

0:45:59.650 --> 0:45:59.910 Yearwood, Shannon Umm.

0:45:38.630 --> 0:46:6.100

Dandeneau, Therese

Probably the first week in August, the situation that we find is is that a lot of schools have not updated their enrollment figures for the new school year and why when I say updated it, they haven't revised it, updated it, got rid of all the seniors that have graduated, for example, the students that have transferred and withdrawn and they haven't shared it with the State Department of Education, which is a job that you don't have anything to do with.

0:46:6.110 --> 0:46:10.610 Dandeneau, Therese It's your people that are in your IT department, or whoever manages the enrollment.

0:46:11.530 --> 0:46:23.320 Dandeneau, Therese So what happens is is if we do it too early and that has not been updated by each of the school districts, then now you're matching students who are no longer in your school district.

0:46:23.860 --> 0:46:26.60 Dandeneau, Therese And so that is a problem.

0:46:26.480 --> 0:46:26.740 Yearwood, Shannon Mm-hmm.

0:46:26.330 --> 0:46:38.460 Dandeneau, Therese So that's one of the things that we hesitate about doing it too early when we work with our IT department on that very important date on the first rollover for the school year.

0:46:38.610 --> 0:46:40.440 Dandeneau, Therese So just keep that in mind.

0:46:40.510 --> 0:46:55.10 Dandeneau, Therese I know that we've, you know, we had a whole direct certification team focus group that helped address these issues when direct certification began and when Medicaid happened, you know, a few years ago.

0:46:55.250 --> 0:46:58.470 Dandeneau, Therese And so, you know, it was usually the beginning of August that they wanted it.

0:46:58.480 --> 0:47:2.810 Dandeneau, Therese School food service directors were coming back when we did it the first week of August.

0:47:2.860 --> 0:47:3.750 Dandeneau, Therese It was a problem.

0:47:3.760 --> 0:47:12.80 Dandeneau, Therese So those are the things that we have to think about when we're looking at that date plus what our availability is for our IT department as well.

0:47:13.480 --> 0:47:13.940 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah, that's.

0:47:13.220 --> 0:47:15.320 Dandeneau, Therese But you can certainly share the information.

0:47:16.760 --> 0:47:18.20 Yearwood, Shannon That's an excellent point, Teri.

0:47:19.40 --> 0:47:19.570 Yearwood, Shannon Thank you.

0:47:19.610 --> 0:47:20.60 Yearwood, Shannon Excellent.

0:47:20.70 --> 0:47:37.50

Yearwood, Shannon

Several points, you know, and it brings me kind of back to PEBT too because this is something that will also impact your IT departments and we will for these final iterations of PEBT, we will be doing another address collection to make sure we have the most current addresses.

0:47:37.60 --> 0:47:46.890 Yearwood, Shannon So we haven't really sent that communication formally out yet as we have still, we're still going through the submission and approval process with the USDA.

0:47:46.900 --> 0:48:6.620

Yearwood, Shannon

But just so that you are mentally prepared and that that is going to be something and that will be coming down, I've probably relatively soon, but it's you know it's great, it's it's very important for for communications to direct households for us to all have that updated information and the updated addresses.

0:48:6.630 --> 0:48:11.250 Yearwood, Shannon So bad really don't have anything else to say about that.

0:48:14.540 --> 0:48:14.840 Fogarty, Sean I'll just.

0:48:13.330 --> 0:48:16.810 Yearwood, Shannon Alright, Sean, any questions outside of just date?

0:48:17.470 --> 0:48:17.780 Fogarty, Sean Nope.

0:48:17.780 --> 0:48:29.970 Fogarty, Sean

I was just gonna add that Sally said, you know, in response to the to thoughts on that mid July or early August at the latest would be ideal for her needs and she thanks, thanks to group asking and no other comments or questions so far.

0:48:30.900 --> 0:48:31.330 Yearwood, Shannon Period.

0:48:33.110 --> 0:48:36.470 Yearwood, Shannon Anybody want to raise their hand and join us verbally and I can try and meet you.

0:48:41.890 --> 0:48:42.50 Yearwood, Shannon With.

0:48:39.130 --> 0:48:47.170 Paul, Andrew I actually have a question for Susan Fiore regarding the regarding the knowledge checks on and having to print those out.

0:48:47.210 --> 0:48:54.710

Paul, Andrew

It do participants have the opportunity to actually save the document in case they don't have printer access at that time.

0:48:55.580 --> 0:48:56.320 Fiore, Susan I believe so.

0:48:56.630 --> 0:48:59.360 Fiore, Susan Well, I think you can.

0:48:59.830 --> 0:49:1.140 Fiore, Susan You know that's a good question.

0:49:1.670 --> 0:49:5.830 Fiore, Susan I'm trying to think now from my end what I can do and what you can do from your.

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0:49:5.840 --> 0:49:7.310 Fiore, Susan I'll have to check on that.

0:49:11.220 --> 0:49:11.450 Yearwood, Shannon Umm.

0:49:11.380 --> 0:49:11.620 Paul, Andrew Good.

0:49:8.10 --> 0:49:12.790 Fiore, Susan If you couldn't, the other thing you could do is a screen shot you know of of the pages.

0:49:14.540 --> 0:49:15.210 Fiore, Susan I will.

0:49:19.740 --> 0:49:19.920 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah.

0:49:31.210 --> 0:49:31.410 Yearwood, Shannon Yeah.

0:49:15.220 --> 0:49:32.670 Fiore, Susan I will check into that and and see because I'm not 100% certain, but if you if you don't have printer capacity I'd say umm do a screenshot for sure of those pages in case you aren't able to print it out now, I'll check that out.

0:49:33.140 --> 0:49:34.370 Paul, Andrew OK. Thanks.

0:49:34.150 --> 0:49:34.680 Fiore, Susan Good question.

0:49:33.990 --> 0:49:50.60

Yearwood, Shannon

Yeah, it would be that if you can't figure out how to do a screenshot because I know I know my computer keyboards all don't always say that you, if you haven't used the snippet tool, it's a fantastic tool and it also you can use that too.

0:49:50.70 --> 0:49:51.180 Yearwood, Shannon So I learned about this.

0:49:51.190 --> 0:49:58.930 Yearwood, Shannon I believe in a SNACT the School Nutrition Association of Connecticut Conference a while ago, back before I was at the agency.

0:49:58.940 --> 0:50:2.550 Yearwood, Shannon But I had never heard a snippet, so it's in your.

0:50:2.620 --> 0:50:5.10 Yearwood, Shannon It's in your regular tools of your.

0:50:5.20 --> 0:50:20.410 Yearwood, Shannon If you have PC software, just look in your little magnifying glass and type in snippet and it's literally little scissors and you just select the area that you want to copy and it copies it and you can save it and it's pretty.

0:50:20.470 --> 0:50:22.200 Yearwood, Shannon It's pretty neat and that's super fast.

0:50:22.210 --> 0:50:23.780 Yearwood, Shannon I just pinned it to my toolbar.

0:50:24.110 --> 0:50:28.500 Yearwood, Shannon I'm a while ago, so for those of you who are who haven't done that, that's also an option.

0:50:29.110 --> 0:50:29.960 Yearwood, Shannon Or you could just.

0:50:30.390 --> 0:50:34.90 Yearwood, Shannon I was gonna say use your old-fashioned phone, but probably not the old fashioned ones.

0:50:34.100 --> 0:50:35.940 Yearwood, Shannon You should use the more up-to-date ones with cameras.

0:50:37.20 --> 0:50:48.200 Fiore, Susan You know, I'm just testing it now and I think you can do a say I just saved it as a web page and I think it opened.

0:50:48.280 --> 0:50:56.100 Fiore, Susan

I'm not 100% certain cause I have another page opened and it looks, but it looks like it did if I so you might be able to try try that way.

0:50:56.110 --> 0:51:4.420 Fiore, Susan I did a I did a right click and I save as and then it brings up the file name and I can save it as an HTML file.

0:51:5.730 --> 0:51:12.810 Fiore, Susan So I would need to see if that would open up later on to the right place, but if you could test that out too and see if that's an option.

0:51:14.480 --> 0:51:26.580 Dandeneau, Therese And another way you can do it is if you hit, if you hold down the little Windows key on your keyboard and then you hit shift and S and a little toolbar will come up and it will take a screenshot as well.

0:51:27.710 --> 0:51:27.890 Yearwood, Shannon What?

0:51:29.160 --> 0:51:29.830 Yearwood, Shannon I never knew that.

0:51:28.950 --> 0:51:31.350 Dandeneau, Therese Ohh yeah you can do it right now.

0:51:31.400 --> 0:51:32.970 Dandeneau, Therese I just did it cause I googled it.

0:51:32.980 --> 0:51:34.910 Dandeneau, Therese See if you don't know how to do something, you Google it.

0:51:35.240 --> 0:51:36.540 Dandeneau, Therese Andy, you should know that.

0:51:37.100 --> 0:51:37.910 Yearwood, Shannon Wow.

0:51:42.480 --> 0:51:44.110 Yearwood, Shannon So many new tech tips.

0:51:44.370 --> 0:51:44.850 Dandeneau, Therese Ohh.

0:51:44.120 --> 0:51:45.150 Yearwood, Shannon See, we're gonna have to.

0:51:45.200 --> 0:51:46.680 Yearwood, Shannon We're gonna have to make this School Lunch

0:51:46.690 --> 0:51:48.20 Yearwood, Shannon Tray Table Talk in tech tips.

0:51:50.160 --> 0:51:51.620 Dandeneau, Therese Now I gotta write it down so I don't forget.

0:51:52.220 --> 0:51:54.570 Yearwood, Shannon I know that's awesome and it did work.

0:51:54.580 --> 0:51:55.140 Yearwood, Shannon I just did it.

0:51:57.540 --> 0:51:58.210 Yearwood, Shannon They're here.

0:51:58.220 --> 0:52:0.400 Yearwood, Shannon I thought I was being all cutting edge with my snippet tool.

0:52:3.970 --> 0:52:30.770

Yearwood, Shannon

Alright, well as you guys know, we like to have a little bit of fun when we are with you and when we're together and hopefully you guys are fighting this informative, how do you guys like the new format where we're little less going exactly through every school entry as it is or what do you thinking about the more conversational or do you like it when we were going through each item and kind of presenting on those, it can raise their hand or throw it in the chat.

0:52:31.20 --> 0:52:33.50 Yearwood, Shannon Wanna make this as useful as possible for you guys?

0:52:41.700 --> 0:52:44.220 Yearwood, Shannon Anything Sean and.

0:52:44.110 --> 0:52:45.780 Fogarty, Sean One person says uh.

0:52:45.930 --> 0:52:46.620 Fogarty, Sean Did they like it?

0:52:46.630 --> 0:52:47.480 Fogarty, Sean More conversational.

0:52:48.280 --> 0:52:48.680 Yearwood, Shannon Right.

0:52:49.430 --> 0:52:51.140 Fogarty, Sean Another person says they like the format.

0:52:51.150 --> 0:52:51.780 Fogarty, Sean We're fun.

0:52:52.540 --> 0:52:52.680 Yearwood, Shannon It's.

0:52:51.990 --> 0:52:53.670 Fogarty, Sean And another person says this works.

0:52:56.340 --> 0:52:57.60 Yearwood, Shannon Awesome.

0:52:57.460 --> 0:52:57.700 Fogarty, Sean You go.

0:52:57.320 --> 0:52:57.740 Yearwood, Shannon Alright.

0:52:57.750 --> 0:52:59.150 Yearwood, Shannon Well, then we'll we'll keep going up.

0:52:59.160 --> 0:52:59.560 Yearwood, Shannon Sorry, Sean.

0:53:0.40 --> 0:53:0.410 Fogarty, Sean Not me.

0:53:0.420 --> 0:53:2.310 Fogarty, Sean Have now few more the new formats better.

0:53:2.760 --> 0:53:5.90 Fogarty, Sean So yeah, sounds like it's being well received.

0:53:6.90 --> 0:53:7.740 Yearwood, Shannon Alright, awesome.

0:53:8.270 --> 0:53:11.850 Yearwood, Shannon And any any other negative comments, we just won't read out loud for the recording now.

0:53:14.680 --> 0:53:15.140 Fogarty, Sean None of those.

0:53:14.600 --> 0:53:17.750 Yearwood, Shannon Alright, the well, ask them.

0:53:17.760 --> 0:53:18.440 Yearwood, Shannon This is great.

0:53:18.510 --> 0:53:29.570

0:53:36.130 --> 0:53:45.870

Yearwood, Shannon

I'm thank you guys and don't forget to let us know ahead of time with that the link that we have for this and the School Lunch Tray when we send out for the table talk, we have that submit your questions ahead of time.

0:53:29.930 --> 0:53:34.50 Yearwood, Shannon You may have done it, but Susan Alston had to cover another meeting for me.

0:53:34.60 --> 0:53:36.120 Yearwood, Shannon And she's the one who usually pulls that for us.

Yearwood, Shannon So we'll take a look at that in case you had any questions that will cover after you are at the summer meals training next week for when we resume the following week for table talk.

0:53:46.700 --> 0:53:51.30 Yearwood, Shannon But let us know questions anytime, and then we we meet regularly internally.

0:53:51.40 --> 0:54:4.370 Yearwood, Shannon So as you ask your support people, your team, your team member here, any questions as we start to hear more trends, we will make sure that we focus on some of that as we are doing these too.

0:54:4.380 --> 0:54:10.750 Yearwood, Shannon So we really enjoy having you join us and happy, happy School

0:54:10.760 --> 0:54:11.550 Yearwood, Shannon Lunch Hero Day.

0:54:13.340 --> 0:54:14.470 Yearwood, Shannon Thank you everybody.

0:54:14.480 --> 0:54:16.730 Yearwood, Shannon Have a great rest of your week and a wonderful day tomorrow.