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March 12, 2025

Dr. Marie Robinson
Superintendent
Bangor Public Schools
40 Summer Street
Bangor, ME 04401

Dear Superintendent Robinson:

The Bangor Public Schools Nutrition Program was reviewed per Federal Regulation 7CFR 210.18 and Maine Department of Education Child Nutrition policies and procedures. On February 26 & 27, 2025 Sarah Platt reviewed Abraham Lincoln School and Bangor High School. An exit conference with Noelle Scott occurred on March 12, 2025.

The enclosed Official Notification of Review Findings and Corrective Action describes the corrective action documentation required. Please submit a detailed response for each of the review findings listed in the report by the deadline(s) listed. Responses must be submitted through CNPweb, Maine Department of Education Child Nutrition's Administrative Review software, and must address the following:

- How the finding was corrected (include who, when & how)
- Documentation that the finding has been corrected district-wide
- How this action will ensure future compliance

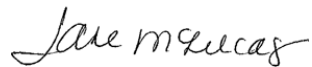
In accordance with §210.18(k), failure to return completed documentation within 30 days from the corrective action deadline date will result in the withholding of reimbursement payments. We hope that following the exit conference you and your staff addressed the corrective actions and that you will have no problems in meeting the response deadline.

The Official Notification also provides the potential fiscal action, which is an initial estimate of the amount of reimbursement that will be reclaimed. These are only estimates which must be adjusted to the actual date of corrective action for each violation. If documentation of corrective action or acceptable corrective action is not received by the response date stated above, the claim will be recalculated to the end of the school year.

Local Education Agencies have the right to appeal findings which impact their reimbursement. For more information visit <https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.do/files/inline-files/Child%20Nutrition%20Appeals%20Process.pdf>

We hope that this review has been helpful to you and your staff. If you should have any questions, or if we can assist in any way, please feel free to contact Sarah Platt at 592-2410 or email sarah.d.platt@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane McLucas".

Jane McLucas
Child Nutrition Director

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SNP Administrative Review Findings

Program Year 2025

Bangor Public Schools (42)

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40 Summer Street
Bangor, ME 04401

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Dr. Marie Robinson
Superintendent
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No. of Sites / Reviewed: 10 / 2

Month of Review: January 2025

Onsite Review: February 26 & 27, 2025

Commendations & Notes

- * Noelle Scott and her staff have done a great job adhering to the complex regulations and requirements of the Child Nutrition Programs. We acknowledge the amount of effort it takes to prepare for this review and we appreciate your assistance. Thank you for your time and assistance throughout the review process.
- * The Bangor School Nutrition Program School is operating under Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Meal benefit applications may not be distributed or processed while operating under this method.

General Program Compliance - Bangor Public Schools (42)

808. On-site observations validate Off-Site Assessment Tool responses to Civil Rights questions and responses demonstrate compliance with FNS requirements

Technical Assistance: AJFA Poster

The "And Justice For All" poster was displayed as required but was not the current version. The current version has been provided.

1403. Did a review of agricultural food components indicate violations of the Buy American provision?

Technical Assistance: Buy American Provision

The Buy American provision requires school food authorities to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products.

Recently, the USDA established a new threshold for school food authorities that use exceptions to this requirement. The limit on the percent of total commercial food costs from non- domestic foods will be phased in over 7 school years.

- Beginning in SY 2025-26, the non- domestic food purchases cap will be 10 percent.
- Beginning in SY 2028-29, the non- domestic food purchases cap will be 8 percent.
- Beginning in SY 2031-32, the non- domestic food purchases cap will be 5 percent.

This phased-in approach will allow schools to gradually adjust to the new requirement



SNP Administrative Review Findings

Bangor Public Schools (42)

Program Year 2025

Abraham Lincoln School (45)

40 Summer Street
Bangor, ME 04401

Month of Review: January 2025

Date of Onsite Review: February 26, 2025

Other Federal Programs - Abraham Lincoln School (45)

3. Are Point of Service (POS) snack counts by student/benefit category maintained?

Finding 9220: Point of service snack counts by student/benefit category are not maintained.

Snack counts were based on the number of snacks provided and the number leftover. As with all school meal programs, meal counts must be taken at the point of service which is the point when the student receives a complete, reimbursable meal/snack.

Corrective Action:

Implement a POS meal count system effective immediately. Submit copies of POS meal counts for one week in March 2025.

Submit corrective action documentation in CNPweb -> E-reviews -> Corrective Action Responses by April 15, 2025.

Technical Assistance:

Technical assistance was provided during the onsite review to staff who oversee the afterschool snack program.

Meal Components & Quantities - Abraham Lincoln School (45)

402. DOR - Do quantities served meet daily meal pattern requirements for age/grade groups

Technical Assistance: Pre-K Meal Pattern

Pre-K students have their own breakfast time. Since they are not eating at the same time as the K-3 students, the CACFP meal pattern for preschoolers must be followed instead of the School Breakfast Program meal pattern.

General Program Compliance - Abraham Lincoln School (45)

1406. Most recent Food safety inspection posted, visible to public?

Finding 9147: Most recent food safety inspection report is not posted in a publicly visible location.

The most recent health inspection report was posted in the kitchen and not out for public view as required.

Corrective Action:

Post the most recent health inspection report in a publicly visible location.

This was corrected immediately during the onsite review. No further corrective action is required.



SNP Administrative Review Findings

Bangor Public Schools (42)

Program Year 2025

Bangor High School (52)

40 Summer Street
Bangor, ME 04401

Month of Review: January 2025

Date of Onsite Review: February 27, 2025

No Findings during Site 52 – Bangor High School Review