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December 1, 2025

Meredith Higgins
Superintendent
RSU 26
10 Goodridge Drive
Orono, ME 04473

Dear Superintendent Higgins:

The District Nutrition Program was reviewed per Federal Regulation 7CFR 210.18 and Maine Department of Education Child Nutrition policies and procedures. On 3 Nov 2025 Nic LaBreck reviewed RSU 26, Asa C. Adams School. An exit conference with Ben Jacobson occurred on 3 Nov 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

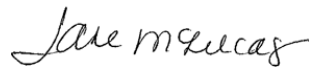
In accordance with §210.18(k), failure to return completed documentation within 30 days from the corrective action deadline date will result in the withholding of reimbursement payments. We hope that following the exit conference you and your staff addressed the corrective actions and that you will have 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/doe/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 Nic LaBreck at 557-3283 or email nicholas.j.labreck@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 Report

RSU 26 (1465)

Program Year 2026

RSU 26 (1465)
10 Goodridge Drive
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No. of Sites / Reviewed: 3 / 1
Month of Review: October 2025

Commendations

Thank you for the time and effort you put into preparing and feeding the students of RSU 26. It was a pleasure to visit and see a program that is loved by student and staff alike. The kitchen staff is very knowledgeable of their job and attentive to the students. Continue to provide healthy and tasty meals, thank you for all you do.

General Program Compliance – RSU 26 (1465)

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. The limit on the percentage 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.

Starting this year (SY 2025-2) schools must track purchases of non-domestic food purchases. A form used for tracking can be found on our website: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/index.php/schools/nutrition/financial>

Meal Components & Quantities - Asa C Adams School (339)

403. DOR - two varieties of milk available, allowable substitutions? Enter data.

Finding 9053: Milk variety not offered throughout serving period on Day of Review.

As observed on the Day of Review, at least two required milk varieties were not available throughout the serving period on all meal service lines.

Corrective Action:

Please submit a production record for a week showing two types of milk being offered for breakfast and lunch to students.

Deadline: December 24, 2025

Technical Assistance:

The school was advised that two varieties of milk are required for service every day.