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A. PENDER MAKIN COMMISSIONER

February 24, 2025

Stacy Shorey
Superintendent
RSU 68
572 Bangor Road
Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

Dear Superintendent Shorey:

The RSU 68 Nutrition Program was reviewed per Federal Regulation 7CFR 210.18 and Maine Department of Education Child Nutrition policies and procedures. On February 4, 2025 Stephanie Stambach reviewed SeDOMoCha Elementary School. An exit conference with occurred with you on February 4, 2025. The SY 2025 School Nutrition Program Administrative Review has been completed. There were no findings.

This is to notify you that this is the final action and the Administrative Review is now closed. Should you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Stambach at 215-9437 or email <a href="mailto:stephanie.stambach@maine.gov">stephanie.stambach@maine.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Jane McLucas

**Child Nutrition Director** 

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## **Maine Department of Education**

## **SNP Administrative Review Findings**

**Program Year 2025** 

**RSU 68/MSAD 68 (951)** 

572 Bangor Road Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 Food Service Contact
Ms. Heather Whitten

Food Service Director (207) 564-6535

**RSU 68/MSAD 68 (951)** 

**Executive Contact** 

Mrs. Stacy Shorey Superintendent (207) 742-8527

No. of Sites / Reviewed: 2 / 1 Month of Review: January 2025

Date of On-site Review: February 4, 2025

#### **Commendations**

- \* An Administrative Review of the RSU 68 School Nutrition Program was conducted on February 4, 2025. Thank you to Heather Whitten for her time and assistance throughout this process. Excellent customer service was observed during the review and Heather does a great job overseeing the program. There were no review findings, as evidenced in this report. Keep up the great work!
- \* A review of menus and production records showed that all meal pattern requirements were met for grades PreK-8. It is rare to have a review with no meal pattern findings. Heather and her staff should be commended for their work and attention to detail.

#### **Technical Assistance**

- \* The menu contained an incorrect non-discrimination statement. This was fixed prior to the on-site review, and no further action is needed.
- \* During breakfast observation of the Pre-K classroom, it was found that only one milk type was offered. This appeared to be an oversight as during lunch, two types of milk were offered.

## General Program Compliance - RSU 68/MSAD 68 (951)

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

### Finding 9000: Buy American Technical Assistance

#### **Technical Assistance:**

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

Sincerely,

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