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November 20, 2024

Rick Lyons  
Superintendent  
RSU 89  
800 Station Road  
Stacyville, ME 04777

Dear Superintendent Lyons:

The RSU 89 Nutrition Program was reviewed per Federal Regulation 7CFR 210.18 and Maine Department of Education Child Nutrition policies and procedures. On November 12, 2024 David Hartley reviewed Katahdin Middle/High School. An exit conference occurred with you on November 12, 2024. The SY 2025 School Nutrition Program Administrative Review has been completed.

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 David Hartley at 624-6878 or email [david.hartley@maine.gov](mailto:david.hartley@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****RSU 89 (1997)****Program Year 2025****RSU 89 (1997)**

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No. of Sites / Reviewed: 2 / 1  
Month of Review: October 2024

**Commendations**

- \* An exit conference was held with Rick Lyons on November 12, 2024 to review any findings found during the review.
- \* Katahdin Middle/High School has a new kitchen from a Healthy Meal Incentive Grant. This makes meal service at the Middle/High School much easier since the meals are prepared on site instead of being moved across a road from the Elementary School.

Staff at Katahdin Middle/High school do a good job preparing and serving meals to students. Students know they can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school every day.

Keep up the good work.

- \* Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

For SY 2025 RSU 89 began participation in the CEP program. This requires using students eligible based on the Direct Certification students eligible for free meals. For SY 2025 the number of Medicaid students received free eligibility in that program can also be counted in determining the district free claiming percentage. It is suggested that RSU 89 review this and possibly renew the eligibility information for the beginning of SY 2026. This would increase the number of free claiming students.

If RSU 89 would consider this please contact [david.hartley@maine.gov](mailto:david.hartley@maine.gov).

**General Program Compliance - RSU 89 (1997)**

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

**Finding 9000: Other Finding**

During a review of agriculture products peaches from China were found.

**Technical Assistance:**

Food products used in the Child Nutrition program are required to be Buy American Compliant. There are a few exclusions however peaches is not one of them. Products need to be checked when ordering and receiving to ensure they are Buy American compliant.

Beginning in SY 2026 there will be requirements on the tracking of how much product is purchased and used in the School Nutrition Program. More information is available at: [www.fns.usda.gov/cn/school-nutrition-standards-updates/implementation-timeline-school-meals](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/school-nutrition-standards-updates/implementation-timeline-school-meals)



SNP Administrative Review Findings

RSU 89 (1997)

Program Year 2025

Katahdin Middle/High School (693)

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Date of Onsite Review: November 12, 2024

General Program Compliance - Katahdin Middle/High School (693)

1104. Foods sold to students – complete chart of locations, responsible entity.

**Finding 9000: Other Finding**

Foods are not allowed to be sold to students outside of the school food service program. Every year Katahdin Middle/High School has a Cougar Pride event that sells food to students. Items sold include sodas, candy, pizza and more. This is a fundraiser. Foods sold to students during the school day must be compliant with the Smart Snack guidelines.

Food cannot be sold to students that are in competition with the school nutrition program from midnight until 30 minutes after the school day is over.