

JULY 23, 2026

Child Nutrition Thursday Update

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SY2027 Applications

Checklist Documents **MUST** be signed by the
Superintendent/Legal Agent

Deadline for SY2027 Applications is **August 15, 2027**

Please refer to the **Application User Guide**
located in the **CNPweb Help Tab**

Attention Provision II Schools!

Start of School Details for school that are base year (year 1)

1. All students must have access to the F2027 Free and Reduced School Meal Benefit Application.
2. Prior to the 1st day of school, run the DC list and update their student eligibility status.
3. All DC students will need to be notified of their Meal Status.
4. Students NOT on the DC list, are set to paid until their F2027 meal application is submitted and processed to the updated eligibility status. Notification letter to be sent to families.
5. For your September Claim only, use last year's Free and Reduced percentages as student eligibility status is carried over **30 SCHOOL DAYS** from the 1st day of school. Last year's percentages are listed on your F2026 school claim under Eligibility Information.
6. You must complete Verification in your base year.

Open office hours will be held during the times below to answer any Provision II questions:

Monday, July 27th at 9am
Tuesday, August 4th at 9am
Thursday, August 13th at 9am

Please email jodi.truman@maine.gov for the link to attend the open office hour of your choice.



Net Off Invoice (NOI)



SY 2027 allocations have been sent to the processors.

Please be sure that you:

1. Have accounts with both
www.k12foodservice.com and
www.processorlink.com
2. Go into those accounts and make sure that you have the **CORRECT** distributor selected for each processor
 - If you do not you will not receive your discount!

For any questions please contact Michele Bisbee
michele.bisbee@maine.gov

Pledge to Maine Harvest of the Month for SY 27!

Now is the time to pledge to participate in Maine's Harvest of the Month during the 2026–27 school year!

This year, participating schools will receive **one annual mailing** containing posters and toolkits for every Harvest of the Month. Having all materials at once will make it easier to plan menus ahead, mix and match featured months, and celebrate local foods throughout the school year.

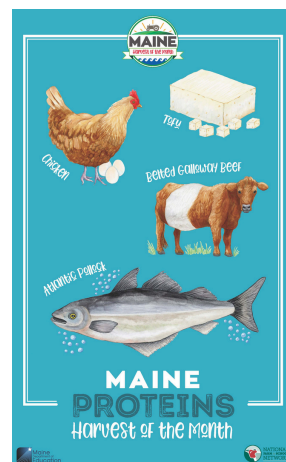
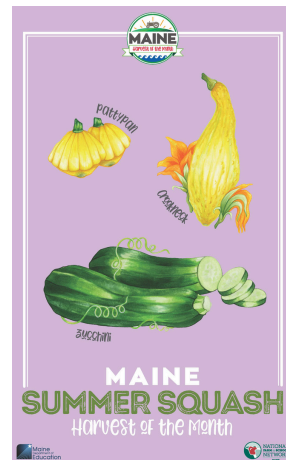
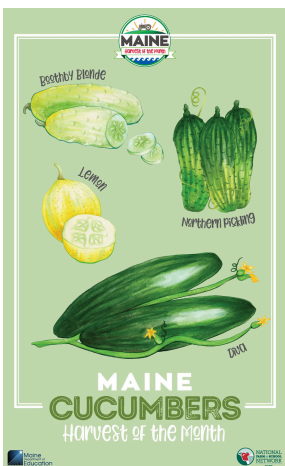
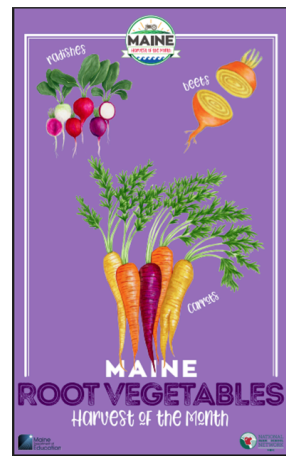
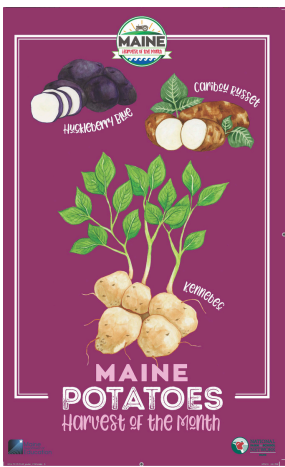
The annual mailing will also include exciting new resources:

- NEW all-season Harvest of the Month stickers that can be used interchangeably throughout the year, helping reduce waste.
- NEW Harvest of the Month recipe book with recipes for every featured product, including our new bonus Seafood Month.
- NEW Bonus Seafood Month materials, including posters, source cards, recipes, and other resources that can be used during any month or alongside Protein Month.

Already have the posters you need? Please pledge anyway! You can indicate on the pledge form whether you'd like to receive a mailing or not. Your pledge helps us document participation and demonstrate the continued value of the program.

[\[Pledge today!\]](#)

Questions? Contact Katie Knowles at Katie.Knowles@maine.gov.



School Nutrition Programs

Annual Training

(Formerly the Fall Info Meeting)

September 16, 2026

9:00-3:00

Augusta Civic Center

Registration - \$50

Payable by credit card
at time of registration

Stay informed, connected, and inspired at this comprehensive training designed specifically for school nutrition professionals. This day of training will provide the latest updates, practical strategies, and opportunities to collaborate with peers from across the state.

Training topics include:

- Department of Education Child Nutrition updates
- Changes to the Dietary Guidelines and reduced sugar limits
- Smart swaps for healthier school meals
- Off-site Pre-K meal requirements and best practices
- Roundtable discussions on current challenges, innovative ideas, and solutions
- And much more!

Whether you're looking to stay current on regulations, discover new ideas, or network with fellow professionals, this training offers valuable information you can take back to your program.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your knowledge, share experiences, and strengthen your school nutrition program.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Other Available
Trainings You May
Find Interesting**

MSNA Annual Summer Conference

August 11 & 12, 2026 - Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport

- Field Trip descriptions, learning session descriptions and "schedule at a glance" are all available on the [website](#).
- August 11th will have Field Trips from 9-11:45. You will sign up for the field trip you want during the registration process. You drive yourself to and from the field trip. We will not have buses this year.
- After your field trip we will have registration and Boxed Lunches at the hotel, with the food show taking place from 1-4pm
- You do not need to register at the hotel before going to your field trip.
- August 12th we will have our Keynote Speaker session and learning sessions.
- [Here is the link](#) for discounted hotel rooms. You have until July 25th to book your room at the discounted rate.

Please reach out to Whitney Thornton with any questions,
wthornton@yorkschoools.org



As we prepare for our upcoming **MSNA August Conference**, we are collecting information for our **Years of Service Recognition**. This form is often completed by a Director, Head Manager, Superintendent, Human Resources representative, or another administrator who can verify employees' years of service.

Please remember that MSNA does not have access to individual employment records, so we rely on each district to help us recognize the dedicated professionals in our field. Your assistance ensures that those reaching service milestones receive the recognition they deserve.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either:

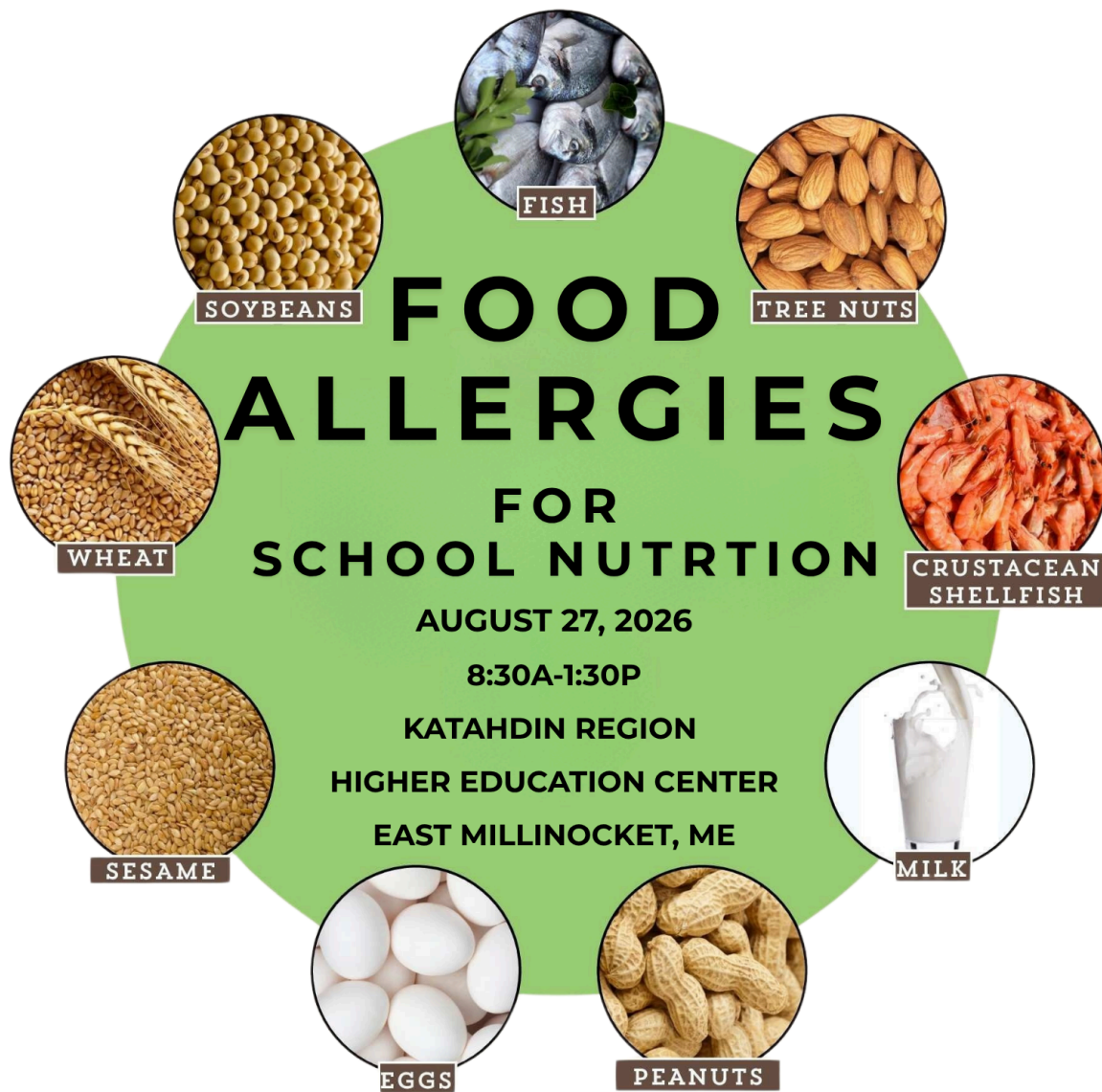
- **Whitney Thornton** – wthornton@yorkschoos.org
- **Melanie Lagasse, Membership Chair** – mlagasse@vuesc.org

We would greatly appreciate it if you could **complete the form and share this information with your district offices** so no one is overlooked.

Also, don't forget to **register for our Summer Conference!** We look forward to seeing you this August in **Freeport, Maine** for a great opportunity to learn, network, and connect with school nutrition professionals from across the state.

Thank you for your support, and have a wonderful summer!

YEARS OF SERVICE FORM: [Click Here](#)



REGISTER HERE

School nutrition professionals who take this course will learn about food allergies, food intolerance, reading food labels, avoiding cross contact, accommodating students with food allergies, laws regarding food allergies, and educating the school community about food allergies.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Email mcharette@millinocketschools.org for more information.



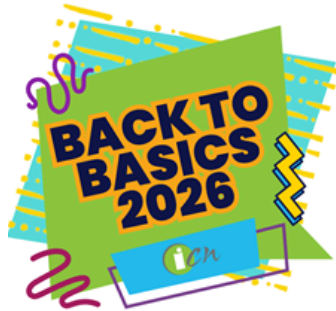
FACE-TO FACE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS

Use the link below to register

<https://forms.gle/19Hps6nd9krSmW3B7>

If you have questions regarding this training, please contact Mia Charette,
mcharette@millinocketschools.org

The countdown to a new school year is on, and ICN is here to help you start strong!



Take it Back To Basics with our trusted resources that school nutrition professionals across the country rely on year after year. Whether you're refreshing your knowledge, onboarding new staff, or preparing your program for a successful school year, you'll find practical tools, training, and guidance all in one place.



Explore online courses and resources on topics including:

- Food Safety
- Meal Pattern Requirements
- Food Production
- Procurement
- Standardized Recipes
- and More!

Don't miss the extensive list of self-paced, **NO-COST** online courses on the iLearn Back-to-School page.



Complete the courses to earn your B2S Ready Badge and celebrate your accomplishment.

Share your badge on LinkedIn and Facebook to let your colleagues know you are #B2SReady!

[Click Here to Get Back to Basics!](#)

Looking for even more opportunities to prepare?

ICN ACCELERATOR

Back-to-School Edition

The start of a new school year is one of the most demanding moments in school nutrition — and one of the most important times to invest in your professional development. ICN Accelerator: Back-to-School Edition is a free, full-day virtual summit designed to meet school nutrition professionals exactly where they are: in the critical window before and after the return to school, when practical knowledge has the most direct impact on operations.



-  FREE VIRTUAL SUMMIT
-  1 FULL DAY
-  LUNCH & LEARN
-  EXPERT-LED SESSIONS
-  LIVE Q&A
-  PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fast-track learning for the field!

Choose Your Date



July 23, 2026
8:00am–3:00pm ET



August 25, 2026
8:00am–3:00pm PT

**REGISTER
TODAY**