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Nutrilink

Child Nutrition will **not** be renewing our contract with Nutrilink.

Be sure to attend Jane's End of Year [webinar](#), on June 10th for more information, and where to direct families to an online platform.



Closings, Mergers and Name Changes

If you have any schools closing, merging of schools, or school name changes for School Year 2027, please email child.nutrition@maine.gov to let us know ASAP. Applications will be opening soon and we want to make sure the changes are ready for the application process.



New Food Service Directors

Will your District be hiring a new Food Service Director (FSD) in SY 2027. USDA Child Nutrition has Hiring Standards. Learn about the requirements on our [website](#). There is a "Q & A memorandum" with useful information.

Also, please let this office know about Food Service Director changes by emailing child.nutrition@maine.gov. Our office conducts training for new Food Service Directors and we want to be sure that everyone is included.



SY2027 Applications Are Open!

Reminders

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

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

The **Application User Guide** is located in the **CNPweb Help Tab**

Don't delay, get your application in before the
end of 2026 school year

Questions contact: jodi.truman@maine.gov

Open Office Hours

Annual Financial Report

Jodi will be holding Open Hours the following dates and times

Thursday, June 11th at 8:00am

Monday, June 15th at 1:00pm

Wednesday, June 24th at 8:00am

The topic of discussion will be the Annual Financial Report. Please email Jodi, jodi.truman@maine.gov, if you would like to attend.

If you have questions or topics other than the Annual Financial Report that you would like to discuss, please let Jodi know.

SY2027 SNP Applications are open!

Deadline to complete your 2027 application is August 15, 2026.

SY2026-2027 USDA Foods

terri.fitzgerald@maine.gov

Due to vendor constraints, the following USDA Foods items listed below have been **rescheduled** for delivery to the warehouse on **October 15, 2026**:

- Apple Slices, can
- Blueberries
- Sunflower Butter
- Turkey roast

The USDA **frozen broccoli** order has been **canceled**, and the PAL entitlement funds have been credited back to your account.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Awards

stephanie.stambach@maine.gov

The FY 2027 FFVP Awards have been finalized and are available on our website [here](#). Please note that we received \$100,000 less in funding compared to last year. In the awards process, priority must be given to schools with the highest number of free/reduced price eligible students. The increase in schools participating in CEP had a positive impact on being selected for FFVP.

FFVP funding amounts will be posted over the summer. In the meantime, schools can estimate funding by multiplying **\$64.00** per student by their enrollment, based on the most recent October survey.

Any questions can be directed to Stephanie Stambach at stephanie.stambach@maine.gov.

Have You Completed the Required Annual Procurement Training?

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School nutrition program directors, management, and staff tasked with National School Lunch Program procurement responsibilities must complete training on Federal procurement standards annually. ([7CFR 210.21\(h\)](#)). To help you meet this requirement, a training is available on the our website: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/financial> under the Procurement & Buy American Section (and the VERY end of the page!) This training counts towards the annual professional training requirement. As with all training, SFAs must maintain documentation and track training.

Share Your Feedback

Maine DOE Regional Local Foods Project Impact Survey

We are gathering feedback from schools and partners who have participated in or interacted with the Regional Local Foods Project. Your responses will help us better understand the project's impact, highlight successes, and inform future versions of this program.

Please complete the survey by June 19 to share your experience with the Regional Local Foods Project. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

[Regional Local Foods Project Impact Survey](#)

Summer Harvest of the Month

Pledge Today!!

Now is the time to sign up for Summer Harvest of the Month (HOM)! Summer is the perfect time to participate when Maine's bounty is most plentiful!

By pledging, you'll receive toolkits for July (Maine Summer Squash) & August (Maine Cucumber). This includes promotional posters, source cards, recipes, stickers, & more!

Click [HERE](#) to pledge today.

For more information about HOM, visit our [Child Nutrition Website](#). If you have any questions, email katie.knowles@maine.gov



SY2027 Calendar

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We are taking orders for the School Year 2027 calendar. Once again, we are offering one per school plus one extra, if you would like that many. Please use this [link](#) to place your order.

If you are not a Food Service Director, please discuss ordering with your Director. All calendars ordered for a district will be sent to the Food Service Director.

School Year 2027

August 2026

September 2026

October 2026

November 2026

December 2026

January 2027

Child Nutrition Data Reports
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition>
Annual Participation Summary
October Survey (ED534)
School Free and Reduced Participation - Breakfast
School Free and Reduced Participation - Lunch
Student Price

Webinars and Training
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/training>

Culinary Training
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/program/culinary/recipesandphotos>

Webinars

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End of Year Updates and Reminders

June 10, 2026

1:30pm

Join Jane for the last Child Nutrition webinar of School Year 2026! She will recap the year, as well as share reminders and updates for School Year 2027.



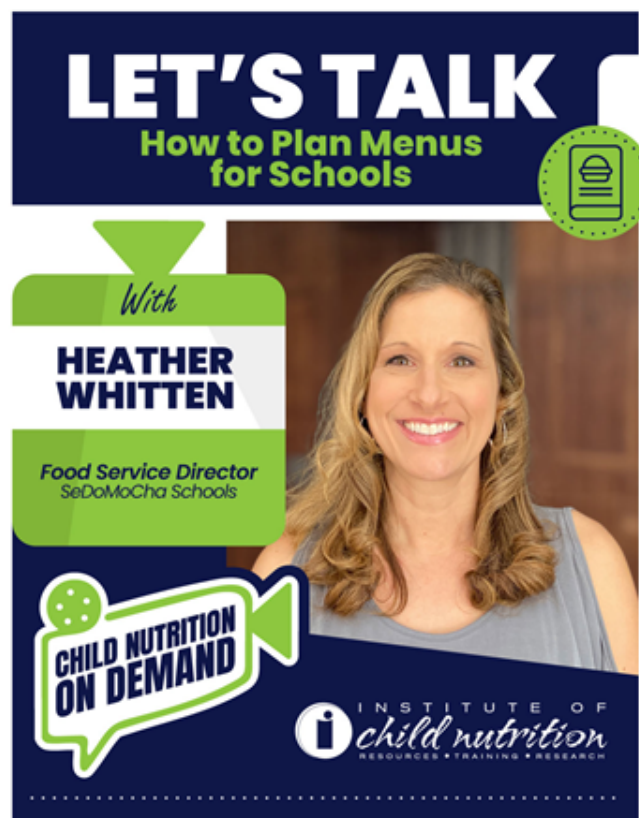
Did you miss a webinar?

You can view it by going to the [Webinars and Training](#) page of our website.

Shout Out!!

Check it out! Maine's Heather Whitten Featured in the Latest Release from ICN!

In this Child Nutrition on Demand video, Heather shares practical menu planning strategies and best practices from my experience in school nutrition to help support successful child nutrition programs. [Watch now](#)



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