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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**

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.

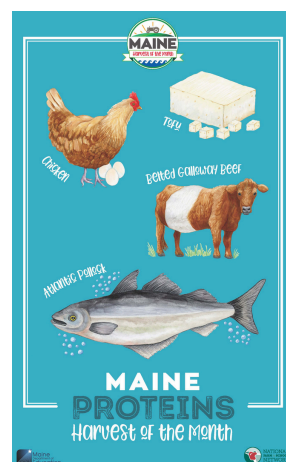
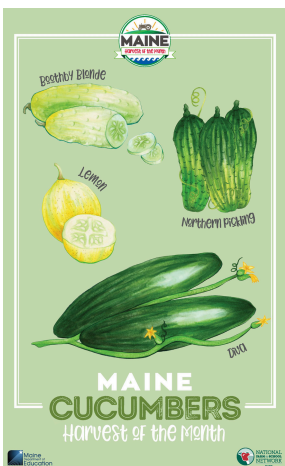
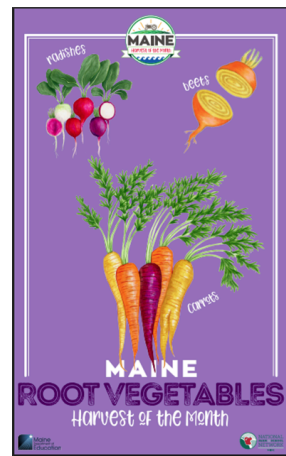
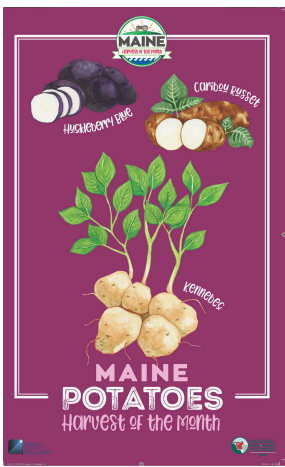
The annual mailing will also include exciting new resources:

- 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.



Filling out the CNPweb User Access Form

Please read **ALL** directions before completing the form.



CNPWeb User Request Form

Complete this form to add, modify or delete a user in CNPWeb. Submit this form as often as changes occur to reflect only those currently approved to enter data and/or approve claims. This form must be signed by the Sponsor's Executive Contact. This is the person with the legal authority to sign documents on behalf of the sponsor. Email the completed form to child.nutrition@maine.gov.

The Sponsor Application in CNPWeb must be updated accordingly, please update the Sponsor Information Sheet.



All of these boxes need to be completed. Please do not use your AOS or School Union number. Use the district name as it appears in CNPweb, minus the assigned CNPweb number

Individuals can belong to one User Group, be sure to read the definitions of each before selecting the one you want.

Select **ONLY** the programs your district participates in.

The form must be signed by the Legal Agent. With School Districts, that is typically the Superintendent.

Sponsor/LEA Name as it appears in CNPweb:					
Name:	New User	Modify User	Inactivate User		
Title:	☐	☐	☐		
Email:	Phone:				
COMPLETE THIS SECTION TO ADD/MODIFY A USER:					
User Group: select <u>ONE</u> from this column		Scroll across to select programs district participates in			
		SNP Child Nutrition Program	FDP Food Distribution Program	SFSP Summer Food Service Program	CACFP At Risk After School Program
Sponsor Admin Annual Application Packet; Monthly Claim for Reimbursement; SNP October Survey; SNP Verification; SNP Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Application (if applicable); FDP (USDA Foods) Application & Orders		☐	☐	☐	☐
Claim Approver Approves the Monthly Claim for Reimbursement. Cannot enter or edit information.		☐	N/A	☐	☐
Verification Only Only has access to the SNP Verification module to enter & edit verification information.		☐	N/A	N/A	N/A
View Only Can view information but not edit or delete		☐	☐	☐	☐
By signing this form, I am requesting the changes listed on this form.					
Signature of Executive Contact – Legal Agent (Superintendent/Head of School/Director):					
Print Name of Executive Contact – Legal Agent (Superintendent/Head of School/Director):					
Title:		Date:			
The Sponsor Application in CNPWeb must be updated accordingly, please update the Sponsor Information Sheet.					

State Use Only:

Date: _____

Change Complete: ☐

Initials: _____

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Return forms to child.nutrition@maine.gov

Forms that are not completed properly will be returned for corrections. Submitting forms directly from your scanner puts them at risk at being deleted as spam.

For Your Information



USDA is asking states to pledge to make their school meals and snack programs healthier to ensure students are served nourishing foods that support lifelong healthy eating patterns.



REPLACE BREAKFAST PASTRIES WITH
WHOLE-FOOD BREAKFAST OPTIONS



PREPARE MEAT AND MEAT ALTERNATES
USING HEALTHY COOKING METHODS



SERVE ONLY 100% WHOLE
GRAIN PRODUCTS



IMPROVE SMART SNACKS
SERVED IN SCHOOLS



PRIORITIZE WHOLE FRUIT



SERVE WHOLE MILK

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:

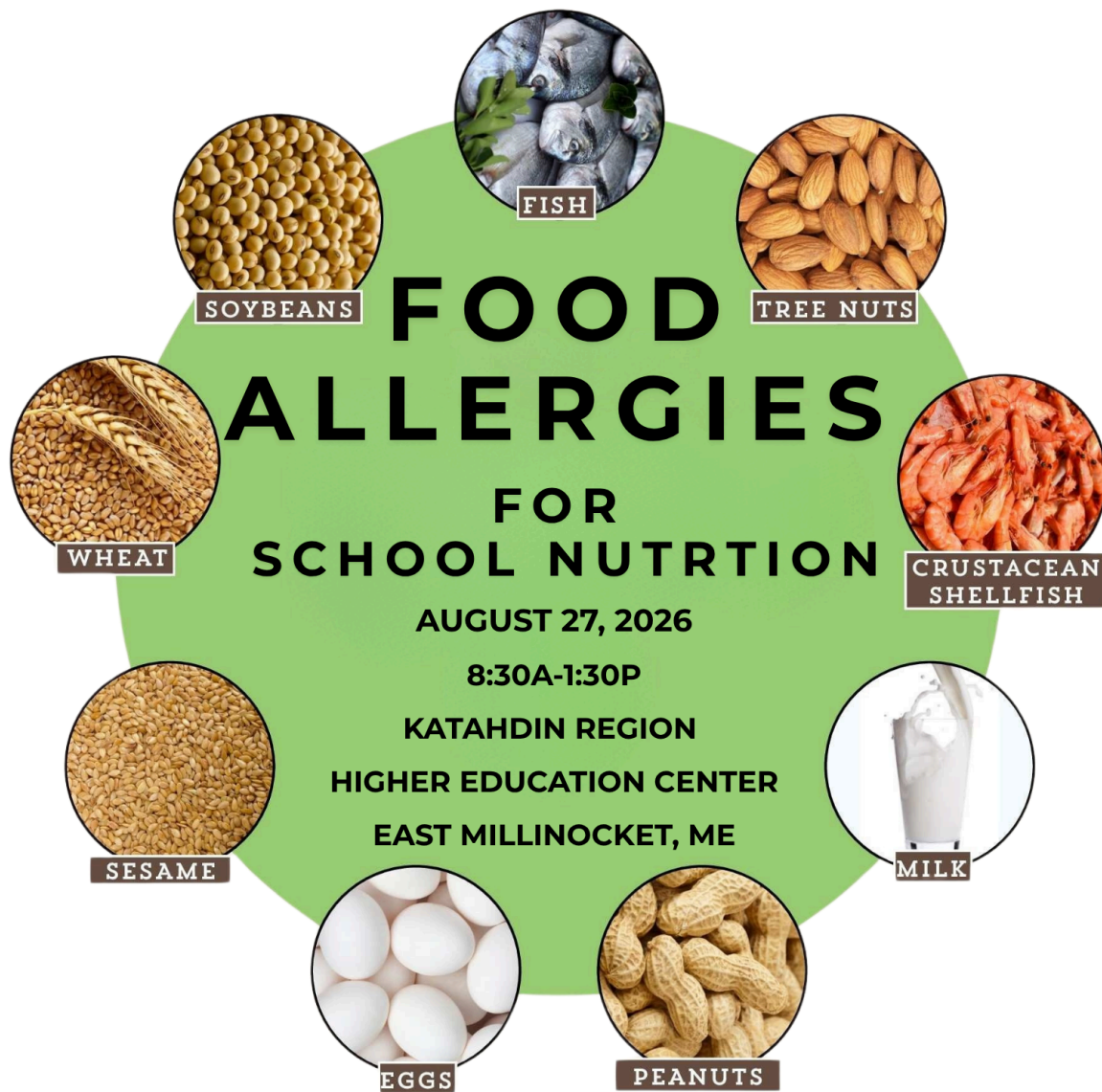
- **Whitney Thornton** – wthornton@yorkschoos.org
- **Melanie Lagasse, Membership Chair** – mlagasse@vuesc.org

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.



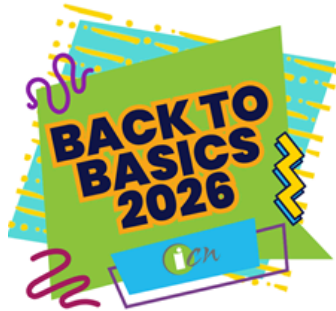
FACE-TO FACE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS

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**

Shout Out!!

In the past few weeks Katie Hoffman visited a few SUN Meals programs and Dairy Council grant recipients- RSU 23, RSU 40 & RSU 68.

Katie wanted share some pictures and let the people behind the programs know that they are amazing and appreciated.

