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February 15, 2024

Robert Kahler
Superintendent
Southport Public Schools
51 Emery Lane
Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538

Dear Superintendent Kahler:

The Southport Public Schools Nutrition Program was reviewed per Federal Regulation 7CFR 210.18 and Maine Department of Education Child Nutrition policies and procedures. On January 31, 2204 Sarah Platt reviewed Southport Central School. An exit conference with Heidi Stevens occurred on February 15, 2024.

The enclosed Official Notification of Review Findings and Corrective Action describes the corrective action documentation required. Please submit a detailed response for each of the review findings listed in the report by the deadline(s) listed. Responses must be submitted through CNPweb, Maine Department of Education Child Nutrition's Administrative Review software, and must address the following:

- How the finding was corrected (include who, when & how)
- Documentation that the finding has been corrected district-wide
- How this action will ensure future compliance

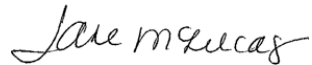
In accordance with §210.18(k), failure to return completed documentation within 30 days from the corrective action deadline date will result in the withholding of reimbursement payments. We hope that following the exit conference you and your staff addressed the corrective actions and that you will have no problems in meeting the response deadline.

The Official Notification also provides the potential fiscal action, which is an initial estimate of the amount of reimbursement that will be reclaimed. These are only estimates which must be adjusted to the actual date of corrective action for each violation. If documentation of corrective action or acceptable corrective action is not received by the response date stated above, the claim will be recalculated to the end of the school year.

Local Education Agencies have the right to appeal findings which impact their reimbursement. For more information visit <https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov/doe/files/inline-files/Child%20Nutrition%20Appeals%20Process.pdf>

We hope that this review has been helpful to you and your staff. If you should have any questions, or if we can assist in any way, please feel free to contact Sarah Platt at 592-2410 or email sarah.d.platt@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

Southport Public Schools (442)

Program Year 2024

Southport Public Schools (442)

51 Emery Lane
Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538

Food Service Contact

Heidi Stevens
Food Service Director
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Executive Contact

Robert Kahler
Superintendent
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No. of Sites / Reviewed: 1 / 1
Month of Review: December 2023

Commendations & Notes

* The Southport school nutrition program is operating well. As a small school, staff wear many hats, including assisting with meal operations. Staff engaged positively with students and the meals offered looked great! Heidi Stevens is relatively new to her position of School Nutrition Director and is eager to learn the complexities of this program. She will be attending New Director Bootcamp in February 2024 which is geared for new school nutrition directors and should be helpful as she continues to learn. Thank you for your assistance with this review.

Southport Central School is operating under Special Provision 2. In the base year, SY2023, meal benefit applications were collected. For the next three years, through SY2026, no meal benefit applications are to be collected.

Resource Management Comprehensive Review - Southport Public Schools (442)

753. Internal Controls

Finding 9000: Oversight of School Nutrition Financial Transactions is Needed

Internal controls to maintain effective oversight over federal funds is needed. The Food Service Director needs to review the Food Service Detail General Ledger on a regular basis to ensure only allowable costs are paid from the account and school nutrition revenues are credited.

Corrective Action:

Describe what internal controls have been established to maintain proper oversight of the federal school nutrition financial account.

Submit corrective action documentation in CNPweb - E-reviews - Corrective Action Responses by 3/18/2024.

General Program Compliance - Southport Public Schools (442)

1215. Validate OFS #1205 - Did School Nutrition Manager meet annual training requirements?

Finding 9000: Required Training Hours

School nutrition program staff are required to complete required training hours each year. The school nutrition manager has not started training for SY2024.

Corrective Action:

Develop a plan of action for how the school nutrition manager will complete the required 10 hours of training prior to the end of the school year. Training must be related to job duties.

Submit corrective action documentation in CNPweb - E-reviews - Corrective Action Responses by 3/18/2024.



SNP Administrative Review Findings

Southport Public Schools (442)

Program Year 2024

Southport Central School (443)

51 Emery Lane
Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538

Month of Review: December 2023

Date of Onsite Review: January 31, 2024

Meal Components & Quantities - Southport Central School (443)

409. Review period production records/documentation - required meal components offered, daily/weekly requirements met?

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Finding 9075: Production records/supporting documentation indicate weekly meal pattern requirements for the age/grade group(s) were not met.

Production records and other supporting documentation for the week of December 11, 2023 were reviewed to determine if meal requirements were met.

The weekly vegetable subgroup requirement was not met (beans/legumes not met).

Weekly quantity of Meat/Meat alternate was not met with the alternate choice (nut butter & jelly sandwich).

Production records did not reflect that milk variety was offered.

Corrective Action:

Submit 1 week (5 consecutive days) of NSLP menu & production records demonstrating compliance with meal pattern requirements.

Submit corrective action documentation in CNPweb - E-reviews - Corrective Action Responses.

Date Due: 3/18/2024

Technical Assistance:

The following technical assistance was provided during the on-site visit:

PR must document the details of the meal offered including the type of fruit offered, types of milk offered, and planned serving sizes. Fruits & vegetables are recorded in cups (volume) not ounces (weight).

Menus are planned by the kitchen manager. It is recommended that the Food Service Director oversee this process to ensure items in inventory are being utilized and that the meal pattern is being met. Technical assistance during the on-site visit.