

# MONDAY MORNING



## USDA Announces Increased Funding to Support School Meals

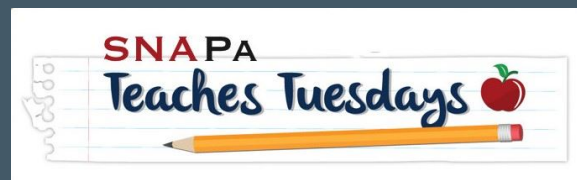
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced an adjustment in school meal reimbursements to help schools continue to serve children healthy and nutritious meals. This move will put an estimated \$750 million more into school meal programs across the nation this year, making sure federal reimbursements keep pace with food and operational costs, while ensuring children continue to receive healthy meals at school.

This year's upward adjustment will add to the range of flexibilities, resources and hands-on support USDA has provided to school meals, which has included:

- Providing \$1 billion for schools to buy food for their meal programs and another \$300 million for states to purchase 100% American-grown foods to be distributed to schools;
- Ensuring schools are not penalized if they cannot meet meal standards due to supply chain issues;
- Reimbursing local child nutrition program operators for emergency operating costs;
- Providing Pandemic EBT benefits to children attending schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) via virtual learning or a hybrid model.

[Click here](#) to read more about the Nationwide Waiver.

[Click here](#) for more information about SFSP



START YOUR NEW YEAR  
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By registering for tomorrow's Teaches Tuesday!

Who: Presented by Jena Wood, Retail Dietitian for ShopRite Supermarkets

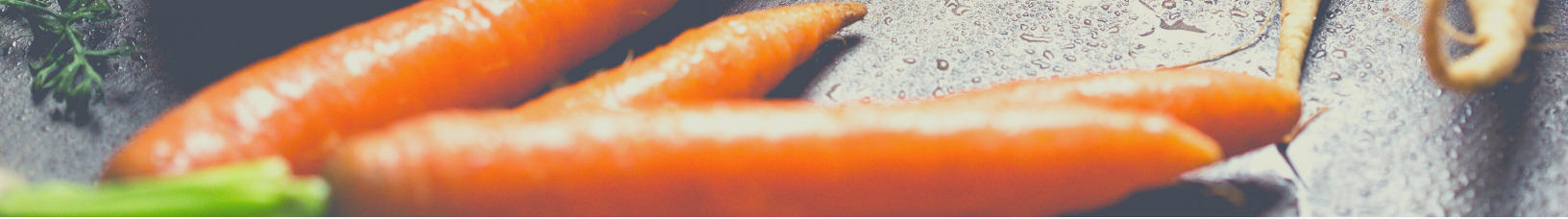
What: Focusing on YOU in the New Year: Fad Diets 101 + Nutrition Myth Busting

Where: Zoom

When: January 11, 2022 from 2:00-3:00 pm

[Register here](#)

January 10, 2022



## SNA Future Leaders Program

Nominations are now being accepted for SNA's 2022 Future Leaders' Program. This program will be held on April 28-30 in West Palm Beach, FL in conjunction with the National Leadership Conference (NLC).

This program is designed to develop SNA's future leaders by providing opportunities for them to network with other emerging leaders from across the country, hone their leadership and communication skills, and learn from seasoned SNA leaders and association executives in an interactive learning environment.

Each state may nominate one individual to this program. Please note:

- Nominees must be SNA members who hold or aspire to hold, the SNA Certificate or SNS Credential.
- Individuals who are serving on a state board or have formerly held a state position will not be considered for the program.

To apply for this prestigious opportunity, fill out SNAPA's online application [HERE](#).

Submissions must be received by January 21, 2022.

## Call for Presenters! 2022 SNAPA Annual Conference

Are you interested in presenting at the 2022 SNAPA Annual Conference? Fill out our online form [HERE](#). Submission Forms should be submitted by January 31, 2022.

Please contact Travis Folmar, Program Chair at taf16@scasd.org with any questions.

## #SNIC2022

There is still time to register for SNIC in San Antonio, Texas! January 16-18 get ready for great educational programming, pre-conference workshops, keynote speakers, live industry presentations and networking opportunities that are the hallmark of SNIC. Can't join in person? There is a virtual option too!

[Register for in-person](#)

[Register for virtual](#)



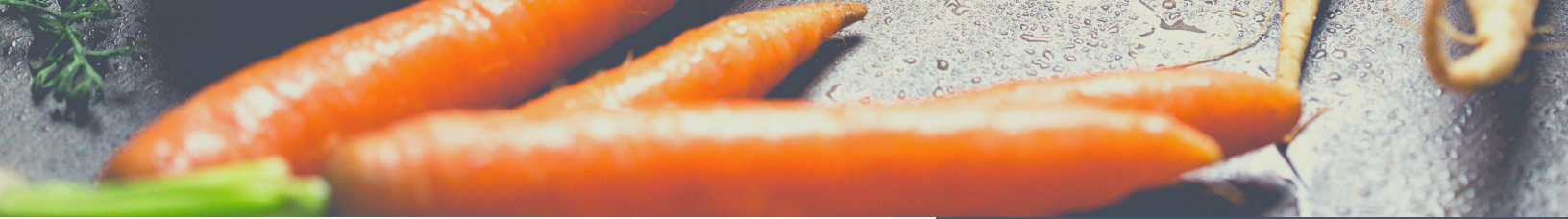
## In the News:

[Gov. Tom Wolf heads into last budget season with flush state coffers](#)

[USDA Invests in Rural Pennsylvania](#)

[PA Department Of Education: Apply Now To Sponsor Summer Meals For At-Risk Students](#)

[Wolf Administration Highlights PA Senior Food Box Program Improvements, Encourages Seniors To Take Advantage This Winter](#)



## SNA MEMBER AWARDS

Recognize someone you know for their hard work to ensure well-nourished students across the country are prepared for success, for this years member awards! Nominations must be submitted online by Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

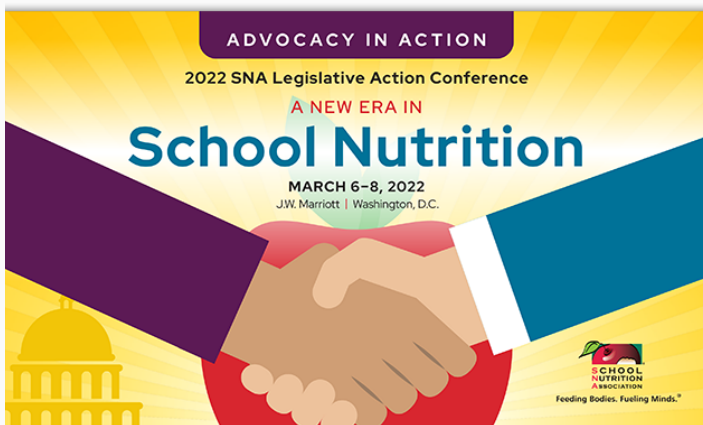


Click above to submit a nomination form!

## #LAC2022

Join SNA's 2022 Legislative Action Conference (LAC), March 6-8, 2022, at the J.W. Marriott in Washington, D.C. to build and grow relationships that will shape federal school nutrition policies. Meet with legislators to increase their understanding and knowledge of the scope and complexity of school nutrition.

[Early bird registration](#) is now open for SNA members!



## Thank You Partners!

