

# MONDAY MORNING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

## Register Now!

It's time to Register for Farm to School! PA Preferred® is your resource for finding locally grown and processed agricultural products from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Check out** the list of PA Preferred farmers and processors! If you have any questions please email Patrick Andrews:

[RA-AGFARMTOSCHOOL@pa.gov](mailto:RA-AGFARMTOSCHOOL@pa.gov)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR FARM TO SCHOOL PA Preferred® Days

This promotional program encourages and incentivizes schools to choose one day during National Farm to School Month in October, to commit to serving as many Pennsylvania grown and produced products as possible.

All schools that sign up will have access to promotional materials.

The first 20 schools that sign up and are willing to host visitors from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Farm to School Network, and/or other state leaders for school lunch, will receive a \$500 sponsorship stipend.

REGISTER TODAY:   
<https://forms.office.com/g/qBdMPxLj3i>



## School Food for Thought

SNA's podcast, "School Food for Thought," continues to explore the fascinating and ever-evolving landscape of school nutrition. In Episode 3, we're spicing things up as we dive into the world of delicious ethnic cuisine. SNA Secretary/Treasurer Warren DeShields, representing Bridgeton City (N.J.) Public Schools joins Brianne Pulver from Auburn (Mass.)

[LISTEN HERE](#)



## Get Ready to **LEVEL UP**

Mark your calendar for #NSLW23 and celebrate **October 9-13, 2023!**

Each school day, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) nourishes almost 30 million children. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy established National School Lunch Week (NSLW) to emphasize the significance of providing a nutritious school lunch in a child's life, recognizing its influence both within and beyond the classroom.



Food

Fun

Team building

# Save the Date!



## BSE Keystone & Avison

Embark on a culinary adventure!

11:30AM -2:30 PM

Join our gourmet team where equipment experts and trained chefs will guide you through new ideas for a K-12 setting with tastings, demos, and an afternoon of team building!

RSVP BY 9/22/23  
NZASTAVNY@BSEREPS.COM

Directors feel free to bring a member of your team!

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# 09/28/2023

### THERE IS STILL TIME TO RSVP FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!

## September

is fruits and veggie month!

Adding fruits and vegetables to your meals and snacks not only provides essential nutrients and fiber, but also introduces a delightful array of colors, flavors, and textures. Curious about creative ways to incorporate more of these wholesome options into your diet?

[Visit USDA's MyPlate!](#)



## IN THE NEWS

[Lawmakers grapple with fixing Pa.'s unconstitutional school funding system](#)

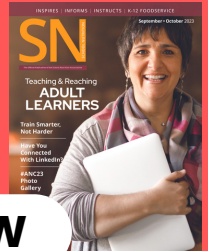
[These 9 Fall Fruit and Vegetables Are Healthy for Your Heart, According to Dietitians](#)

[Serving farm fresh food in schools is getting big federal support — but will 'farm to school' stick?](#)

[States step in to pay for school meals for all kids](#)

## Sept/October Edition

We're diving headfirst into the new school year, and that means a world of fresh opportunities awaits! Just like our students, the fantastic team driving SNAPA has exciting learning experiences ahead. SNA is here to support your professional growth with a closer look at innovative training methods, expert tips, and best practices to ensure learning moments are top-notch.



**READ NOW**

# THANK YOU PARTNERS!



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# SNAPA PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

At the recent Annual Conference in July, the Board of Directors shared information related to their review and discussion of proposed changes to the SNAPA bylaws. These changes align our bylaws more closely with the national SNA bylaws while ensuring they remain Pennsylvania-specific. To facilitate your understanding and engagement, we have linked four key documents for your review:

[Track Changes Document](#): This file shows all modifications made to the national SNA bylaws to create our Pennsylvania-specific version.

[Clean Version of Proposed Changes](#): Here, you can see the bylaws in their entirety with all proposed changes incorporated.

[Summary of Changes](#): This document provides a concise overview of the key amendments.

[Current SNAPA Bylaws without proposed changes](#)

We believe these updates will further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our organization while maintaining our commitment to serving the unique needs of our Pennsylvania members.

**Review Period:** We value your feedback and invite you to participate in a 30-day review period, which begins today. Please use this link to share your thoughts and suggestions.

**Voting:** At the end of this comment period, we will conduct an electronic vote on the proposed changes. This vote will be open to all SNAPA voting members and will take place from October 6, 2023 to October 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM Eastern.

We encourage all members to review the proposed changes before the vote. If you do not have any comments or questions, no action is necessary until voting begins on October 6th.

## A MESSAGE FROM 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPEAKER, JON COLBY

Now that we are back at school, I thought it would be a great time to check in. Here's a quick video that you can send out to your team to remind them of some of the major concepts we talked about during our session.

As always, please feel free to reach out if there's anything I can do for you and your people!



Back to school? Yes, and!  
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