

MONDAY MORNING NEWSLETTER



CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS TODAY!

SNAPA has been working directly with state legislators on efforts to expand access to school meals in Pennsylvania. As you know by now, our students will be able to receive breakfast at school, free of charge, as of October 1. We are very happy that our advocacy has helped to make this happen, but we are not ready to stop there.

Pennsylvania State Senator Lindsey Williams has introduced State Senate Bill 1327 and Rep. Kinkead has introduced HB 2829 to establish Universal Free Meals for all of Pennsylvania's school children.

Please reach out to your own state senator and representative to voice your support for these bills. You can find your legislators and their contact information [HERE](#). Please reach out to both your state senator and representative.

More information as well as a message that you can copy and paste into your correspondence can be found on the SNAPA website [HERE](#). Please edit your messages to specifically address the Senator or Representative and then the corresponding Senate or House Bill.



UNIVERSAL FREE BREAKFAST

The Universal Free Breakfast Program will go into effect on October 1, 2022, and run through the end of the 2022-23 school year. Interested schools that do not currently participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs can find information for applying on the Department of Education's website.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and for sample social media posts!

USDA TO PROVIDE ALMOST \$500 MILLION FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide **\$471.5 million in additional funding** to help schools purchase American-grown food for school breakfast and lunch. Funding is being provided through the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation. The USDA is also providing supplemental funding to support food banks and emergency food systems.

SUBMIT AN EDUCATIONAL SESSION PROPOSAL FOR #ANC23

The Call for Proposals for the 2023 Annual National Conference (#ANC23) is now open! We're looking for school nutrition professionals who are willing to share their expertise with the school nutrition community via an educational session at next year's conference in Denver, Colo., from July 9-11, 2023. Proposals must be submitted by November 4, 2022, to be considered.

[SUBMIT A PROPOSAL](#)

CEU ALERT!

USDA Professional Standards Compliance has never been easier with School Food Handler's All-In-One School Food Handler training and tracking solution. Now you can have all your Professional Standards training and tracking done for you, while receiving SNA CEU's at the same time!

[Check it out here!](#)



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UPCOMING SNAPA HAPPENINGS



Last Call! Please send any pictures and articles for the upcoming edition of SNAPA Happenings to:
executivedirector@snapa.org

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REMINDER:

Sponsors should check their "house" message center in PEARS weekly to ensure communications from PDE are received timely in the event a sponsor did not receive a Broadcast Email. Please contact your IT Department to whitelist (mark as safe) messages from RA-EDPDE_CNP-NOREPLY@pa.gov. Recent messages sent include:

9/14 PA Preferred Days

9/15 Community Eligibility Provision Deadline - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

9/20 IMPORTANT MESSAGE: 2022-2023 School Year Claims Now Open

9/20 School Breakfast Program (SBP) - Free to SBP Participants Beginning October 1; Reminder & Sample Language for SFAs

9/20 Direct Certification – Deadline for First Student Upload & Potential Matches is September 30

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

THANK YOU TO OUR
DIAMOND PARTNERS!



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WATCH OUT FOR THE SNA PRESIDENT AND
CEO SPEAKING AT THE WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 28TH!

REMINDER!

Don't forget to submit
your nominations for the
2023 SNA Election!
Submit your nominations
by September 30th!



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.

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 AT <https://forms.office.com/g/qBdMPxLj31>

PENNSYLVANIA FARM BILL

Farm to School
GRANT PROGRAM

Grants to improve access to healthy, local foods and increase agriculture educational opportunities for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade

Available to any school, program or center with pre-kindergarten through 8th grade may apply for up to **\$15,000** in funding

\$500,000 Available

APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 12 - OCTOBER 14, 2022

<https://bit.ly/PAFarmToSchoolGrant>

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Celebrate

National School LUNCH WEEK

OCT. 10-14
2022

#NSLW22 | #peaceloveschoollunch

Download the brand-new “It’s Not Too Late to Celebrate! 2022 Toolkit,” exclusively available for SNA members. It features:

- a final checklist to help you manage logistics
- easy ideas to engage students
- an “ultimate playlist” of iconic '60s songs
- suggestions for decorations and costumes
- social media guidance
- tips for arranging legislator visits and media events

National School Lunch Week!
October 10-14, 2022

It's Not Too Late to Celebrate!
2022 TOOLKIT
Tools & Resources for SNA Members

2022 toolkit materials are made possible by