

# MONDAY MORNING NEWSLETTER



## YOUR VOTE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



The polls are now open in the SNA national leadership election! Before you cast your vote, we encourage you to [check out the election page](#) on the SNA website and [learn more about the candidates](#). Candidates are running for positions on the Board of Directors and the Leadership Development Committee.

The SNA Election will take place from February 15-29, 2024. The elected candidates for the positions on the Board will be installed in July 2024 at ANC. The elected candidates for positions on the LDC begin their terms on March 1, 2024, to coincide with the annual nominations and election calendar.

To be eligible to vote, you must have an active membership or membership-in-grace as of January 31, 2024. Before you vote, please ensure you have an active username and login for the SNA website. Your username is the email address where you received this email.

## SNAPA CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Are you interested in presenting at the 2024 SNAPA Annual Conference? Do you know someone who would be a great presenter? Fill out (or have someone you know) fill out our online form [HERE](#). Submissions should be received by **February 23, 2024**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [executivedirector@snapa.org](mailto:executivedirector@snapa.org) or by phone to (717) 732-1100.

## SNA Action Network

The School Nutrition Association (SNA) Action Network provides you with resources to stay informed and engaged on school nutrition policy issues. Take a look around to learn how you can help raise the collective voice of school nutrition programs and help ensure all students are nourished and ready to learn.


### Where to start:

- Contact your officials: Share the 2024 Position Paper with your legislators. Urge them to support school nutrition programs, increase reimbursement rates and expand healthy school meals for all students.
- Look up your elected officials: Find biographies, contact information, and social media handles. Keep SNA in the loop by logging existing relationships or recent interactions such as phone calls and meetings.

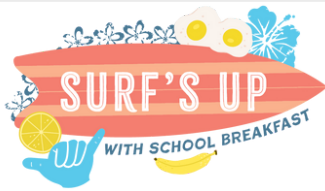
**Take Action**

# SNA Ideas Exchange: Find Your Way From Stress to Strength

Join on February 28th! This month's topic: Find Your Way From Stress to Strength

Join SNA staff and magazine contributors to discuss topics from the [January/February edition of SN Magazine](#). 

- **Hosted in Zoom**, this will be facilitated discussions and NOT like a traditional webinar!
- You can read [the issue](#) before you attend here!



National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) is a fantastic fiesta honoring the magical power of a yummy school breakfast to kickstart students towards success! This special shindig in the first week of March is all about cheering for the National School Breakfast Program, making sure kids rock each day with a hearty breakfast boost!

To get In the beachy vibe, check out [this recipe](#) from the USDA for a Mango Smoothie Bowl!

**MARCH 4-8**

## NOMINATE FOR SNAPA'S 2024 AWARDS TODAY

The SNAPA Awards program highlights the outstanding and important work of SNAPA members. Directors, Managers, Employees and Industry members are eligible for state awards that recognize their achievements in school foodservice, leadership, membership recruitment and professional development. Click below for more information, including eligibility requirements, and then nominate a colleague –or yourself– **by March 31st!**

[Click Here](#) for the Director of the Year Application  
[Click Here](#) for the Manager of the Year Application  
[Click Here](#) for the Employee of the Year Application

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# 2024 SNAPA DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

APRIL 8-9, 2024



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For SNAPA  
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## TENTATIVE AGENDA:

April 7th  
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SNS Exam (Register Through National SNA)

April 8th

12:45pm  
1:00pm  
3:30pm  
5:00pm  
6:00pm

President's Welcome  
Keynote Kickoff, Fred Schafer  
Interactive Insights, Q&A w/ Vonda Ramp  
Cocktail Reception  
Dinner & Group Social Time

April 9th

8:00am  
9:00am  
10:30am  
12:00pm

Breakfast Buffet  
Keynote, Amanda Gordineer, MPS, RDN  
Partner Connection Point Event  
Spotlight Symposium & Best Practices Session

Fred Schafer & Amanda Gordineer,  
Keynote Speakers

Join us for two great days of collaboration, solution sourcing and networking with some of the best directors in Pennsylvania. Leave our Director Workshop with the tools, charge and support you need to finish the year strong!

**REGISTER TODAY!**

[www.snapa.org/event-5108098](http://www.snapa.org/event-5108098)

Registration deadline: March 1st







February 12, 2024

## **Providing Children with Nutritious Meals During the Summer Months**

Although most of us delight in the idea of summer in the midst of winter, those summer months can be a very trying time for families that rely on free or reduced-price meals during the school year.

During the school year, many students receive healthy and nutritious school meals for little or no charge.

It is vital to ensure that children in the commonwealth have continuous access to the nutrition needed to support their growth, health, and academic success when school is not in session. Having healthy nutritious meals should not end when school does but many households struggle over the summer months to provide children with the nutritious food they need over the summer months.

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) summer meals programs bridges the gap between school years by providing children in lower income areas with the fuel they need to play and grow during the summer months and return to school ready to learn. These programs are federally funded and administered in Pennsylvania at the state level by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's (PDE) Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN).

Summer meal program sponsors can be School Food Authorities (SFAs) and other non-profit Community Organizations (COs), including but not limited to local governments, churches, YMCAs, libraries etc. A Sponsor is the organization that is responsible for administering the Summer Meal Program. Program sponsors are reimbursed at an established per meal rate to provide up to two meals or snacks per day to children at meal sites. A meal site is a physical location where meals are served, and sponsors may serve meals at one or more sites. Sites can be schools, camps, churches, community centers, housing complexes, libraries, migrant centers, parks, playgrounds, pools, and other public sites where children gather. Meals have been traditionally served in a congregate setting, where children eat at the site. USDA has implemented a permanent provision to allow non-congregate meal service, where meals are consumed off site, in eligible rural areas.

Typically, summer meals are required to be served in a congregate setting on-site. PDE is excited to announce an innovative change to the summer meals programs this year. With implementation of USDA's Rural Non-Congregate meal service option, Pennsylvania is able to expand the network of providers and food resources available to children during the summer. The Rural Non-Congregate meal service option allows children in areas designated as rural and where no congregate meals service is available to receive multiple days of meals via grab-n-go, curbside pick-up, drive-thru pick-up, mobile delivery routes, and home delivery. This will make meals attainable to children formerly unreachable during the summer months due to issues related to distance and the inability for children to get to meal sites.

Sponsors and sites are needed to make this a reality. SFAs and COs are encouraged to consider implementing the Summer Meal Program to provide children critical access to meals during the summer months by becoming a summer program sponsor or hosting a meal service site (administered by an existing sponsor). If the SFA or CO is in a lower income, rural area, consider the possibility of operating a non-congregate site to reach a maximum number of eligible children. To see if an address qualifies as lower income or rural you can use the [No Kid Hungry Summer Meals Eligibility Map | Center for Best Practices](#).

For more information on becoming a sponsor or hosting a meal site for the summer, contact PDE, DFN at [RA-SFSP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-SFSP@pa.gov), [RA-NSLP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-NSLP@pa.gov), or 800-331-0129.