



Check out our Spring edition of **SNAPA Happenings!**

PEARS Reminders

May 2 - The 2023-2024 School Year PEARS **Application Packet is Now Open** May 1 - P-EBT Local Administrative Funds Information - 2022-2023 School Year May 1 - Severe Need Breakfast and Two Cent Differential Reimbursement Determinations for

School Year 2023-2024 May 1 - 2023-2024 Annual Training Modules

Available on School Nutrition

Apr 27 - Quality School Meals webinar scheduled for May 9th



Register Today!

Apply for SNAPA Director One-year Cohort Program Application

THE SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The New Directors 23/24 Cohort

This year-long hybrid learning experience provides a unique opportunity for new and emerging directors to gain fundamental program knowledge through planned education sessions. Participants receive targeted support and education to be help learn the responsibilities of the job as they work through the school year.

Our inaugural 23/24 cohort will be limited to

qualified SNA/SNAPA members

Kick-off for this exciting opportunity will start with an in-person Lunch Launch at the 23 SNAPA Annual Conference, hosted at the Kalahari Resort

Two in-person events and monthly virtual meetings with educational leaders offering both learning and collaboration opportunities

Program cost is \$150 and includes 1 year enrollment, classroom materials, and the cost of meals at the exclusive two in-person events

APPLY TODAY!



Get ready for July 9-11th and register now for ANC 2023! View the agenda and read all about this years keynote speakers Heather R. Younger and Sonia Manzano!

Register Today!







School Nutrition Bills

<u>School Meals Expansion Act</u>: Introduced by Rep. Morgan McGarvey (D-KS) and garnering 14 co-sponsors, this act would:

- Allow more students to receive free meals without an application by increasing the number of schools in lowincome communities able to take advantage of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
- Increase the CEP multiplier used to determine federal reimbursements for meals served from 1.6 to 2.5, eliminating financial barriers for schools currently eligible for CEP.
- Expand school eligibility for CEP by lowering the Identified Student Percentage threshold from 40 to 25 percent.

<u>School Meals During School Closures Act</u>: Introduced by Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN), this legislation would allow states or school districts to continue to provide free and subsidized meals during disruptions, such as extreme weather events, emergency repairs or school closures.

 The Act is sponsored by SNA and several other organizations. Read more <u>here</u>.

A Stake In the State

<u>"A Stake in the State,"</u> a new SN Plus article, highlights the advocacy efforts of five SNA state affiliates as they work in partnership with allies to remove barriers that impede access to school meals. Expanding on a session presented at SNA's 2023 Legislative Action Conference and even more!





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Share your #SLHD23 Story

We hope that you all had a wonderful School Hero Lunch Day! We are so proud of the incredible work that you do every day to promote the health and well-being of our students.

As part of our ongoing efforts to celebrate your hard work and dedication, we would love to see photos of your School Hero Lunch Day Celebrations. If you have any photos or articles that you would be willing to share with us, we would be thrilled to feature them in the Spring Happenings

By sharing your photos and articles, you can inspire and motivate other members to continue their important work in promoting nutrition and wellness. We look forward to seeing your photos and hearing about your experiences during School Hero Breakfast Day.

Submit Here



How does it work?

A year-long school meal promotion activity that highlights the consistent high-quality meals served in our Pennsylvania schools! Each week SNAPA will select and share, via social media & email, photos of Pennsylvania school meal trays served that week, and which meet the following criteria:

- 1. Meet the USDA National School Breakfast or National School Lunch Meal Patterns, clearly showing all components (i.e. including fruit, vegetables, grains, meat/meat alternate, and fluid milk as applicable)
- 2. Include a description of the meal menu items
- 3. Indicate the location and date of service
- 4. Be attractively plated and photographed
- 5. Submit a photo with a description to communication@snapa.org

SNAPA social media followers will be asked to select their favorite photo each week. The image with the most weekly engagement (likes, shares & comments) will go into the running for the SNAPA Tray of the Month! The SNAPA Tray of the Month will be selected and awarded the first week of the new month!