SNA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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SIGNIFICANT POLICY ADVANCES
FINAL RULE
DECEMBER 12, 2018

• Target 1 until 2024
• Eliminates Target 3
• 50% Whole Grain Rich
  • No Waivers
• 1% Flavored Milk
FY 2019 APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 715. … Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement 5 Commodities — $485,000,000 …”

$20 million for School Breakfast Commodities
$2 MILLION FOR TRAINING

...$2,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2019, to allow allied professional associations to develop a training program for school nutrition personnel

SEC. 756

SNF Awarded School Nutrition Training Grant

2019-05-17

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service has awarded the School Nutrition Foundation (SNF) a nearly $2 million grant to develop a training program for school nutrition professionals. SNF’s L.E.A.D. (Learn, Educate, Advance, Develop) to Succeed initiative will examine and address professional and workforce development needs of school nutrition professionals in the areas of Personnel Management and Communication, Marketing and Customer Service.

SNF will work with partner organizations to review existing resources and develop a targeted curriculum, utilizing a variety of instructional formats including: webinars, video, self-paced online modules, case-studies, articles in School Nutrition magazine, in-person training, training for trainers and peer-sharing. Online training and resources will be available to all school nutrition professionals free of charge on the SNA website beginning in 2021.
WHO’S IN THE 116th CONGRESS?

January 3, 2019
DEMOCRATS WIN THE HOUSE ✅

234 Democrats (67 newly elected)
201 Republicans (44 newly elected)
REPUBLICANS WIN THE SENATE ✓

53 Republicans (6 newly elected)
47 Democrats (3 newly elected)
EDUCATION IS KEY. WHY?

111 New Members
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Education & Labor Committee Members Present for HHFKA (2010)
8 out of 49 (6 Democrats, 2 Republicans)

• Bobby Scott (D-VA)
• Susan A. Davis (D-CA)
• Raul M. Grijalva (D-AZ)
• Joe Courtney (D-CT)
• Marcia Fudge (D-OH)
• Gregorio Kilili Sablan (D-MP)
• Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
• Glenn Thompson (R-PA)
EDUCATION IS KEY. WHY?

Senate Agriculture Committee Members Present for HHFKA (2010)
11 out of 20 (7 Democrats, 4 Republicans)

- Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
- Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
- Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
- Robert P. Casey (D-PA)
- Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)*
- Michael Bennet (D-CO)*
- Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)*
- Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
- Pat Roberts (R-KS)
- Charles Grassley (R-IA)
- John Thune (R-SD)

* Presidential Candidate
LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY ACTIVITY
FEDERAL REGISTER UPDATES

• 34 Federal Register Notices posted since ANC18, announcing Proposed, Interim, and Final Rules, changes to existing Rules, studies, etc.

• SNA informs/comments as appropriate

• View notices and SNA comments at www.schoolnutrition.org/takeaction
DIETARY GUIDELINES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

• USDA and HHS are preparing to draft the 2020 – 2025 Dietary Guidelines
• DGA Advisory Committee meeting throughout 2019 – 2020
• SNA representative Dr. Becky Domokos-Bays will speak at the second meeting held July 10th – 11th in Washington, DC

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

House Education and Labor

House Appropriations

Senate Agriculture

House Education and Labor
FY 2020 APPROPRIATIONS

- $50 million for the Summer EBT Program
- $10 million for School Breakfast Program (SBP) Expansion Grants
- $35 million for NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants
- Paid Lunch Equity Flexibility
- $20 million in School Breakfast Commodities

Next Step: On to the Senate!

1. House Subcommittee
2. House Full Committee
3. House Floor
4. Senate Subcommittee
5. Senate Full Committee
6. Senate Floor
7. Conference
8. President Signs
WORKING WITH ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

• Administrative Reviews
• Smart Snacks
• Breakfast Commodities
• Block Grants

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Child Nutrition Reporting Burden Analysis Study

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USDA Contracted with 2M Research to examine challenges faced by State agencies and School Food Authorities related to Child nutrition program administrative and reporting requirements.
6 Key Principles

• Increasing Consistency Across all CN Programs and Streamline Requirements

• Provide Sufficient Lead Time to Implement New and Revised Program Requirements, Policies, Procedures, and Reports

• Improve consistency in Program Operations and Procedures Across FNS Regions, SAs, and SFAs

• Foster a more Team-Centered Atmosphere Among the FNS National Office, ROs, SAs, and SFAs

• Increase Collaboration Between FNS Program Offices and Financial Management Offices

• Support Technology Acquisition and Standardization at the SA and SFA Levels
WHAT ABOUT CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION?
“There is a pathway for child nutrition programs to be reauthorized in a bipartisan manner yet this year.”

Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)
Chair, Senate Agriculture Committee
"...the last child nutrition reauthorization was completed in 2010. So it is again necessary to take a fresh look to find ways to provide certainty, to reduce administrative redundancies and allow flexibility at the local level to better serve participants and stakeholders."
- Sen. Roberts, Committee Chair
U.S. HOUSE ED & LABOR COMMITTEE HEARING:
Civil Rights and Human Services Subcommittee
Examining Federal Child Nutrition Programs

“I hope this hearing is a first step toward renewing the historically bipartisan commitment to childhood nutrition, and I look forward to hearing more about these important programs...”

- Rep. Bonamici, Subcommittee Chair
NEW SCHOOL NUTRITION BILLS

- Milk
- Buy American
- Geographic Preference
- Unpaid Meals
- Summer Meals
- Smart Snacks (H.R. 3291)
- Salad Bars
- Pesticides
- Personnel Training
- Food Waste
- Nutrition Standards
- Physical Activity
- Universal Meals?
EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

CONGRESS
Budget talks at impasse as spending cuts, debt ceiling threaten economy

AGRICULTURE
Trump administration to move USDA researchers to Kansas City area

Pro-impeachment ranks grow — and backers see more coming
More than 70 Democrats now back beginning an impeachment inquiry against Trump.

Top Trump trade negotiator tries to sell skeptical Democrats on NAFTA replacement
Universal free meals in schools

Two Democratic candidates have proposed universal free meals in schools, regardless of a student’s family income. Sen. Bernie Sanders and former HUD Secretary Julian Castro are touting the proposals as a way to ensure children don’t go hungry and to eliminate the potential for “lunch shaming” — when schools single out students with unpaid bills.

Some high-poverty schools and school districts can already offer free meals to all students, but the practice is currently limited to areas where a certain percentage of the students are from low-income households.

School food programs cost the Agriculture Department $18.2 billion in fiscal 2018, according to preliminary data. Neither Sanders nor Castro has released specifics about how they would pay for their proposals, which are part of broader education platforms.