

NEWSLETTER

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School Nutrition Association

January 2025



Capitol Advisors (CAG)

The Governor's proposed budget includes \$106.3 million in additional ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund resources to fully fund universal school meals program for SY 2025-26.

New KIT Funding includes \$150M for kitchen equipment, infrastructure, and training to support the preparation of freshly made meals using locally sourced ingredients.

Executive Order by Governor Newsom addresses the impact of "ultra-processed foods" and aims to further improve school nutrition standards where possible given logistics, costs, and other factors. The order directs the State Board and CDE to explore ways to exceed federal meal standards by October 2025, while the CDFA will work on forging new partnerships to strengthen school food programs. Although the unknown can cause some trepidation, the order's practical focus is promising, and we'll continue collaborating with the Governor's Office, CDE and other involved parties to ensure our input is heard. Updates will be shared at upcoming LAC meetings.

CDE Update

Town Hall: Mark your calendars! The first Town Hall of the new year will take place on January 28.

USDA Local Foods Funding: The USDA has announced another round of Local Foods for Schools and Child Care (LFSCC) funding, aimed at promoting procurement from small, disadvantaged farmers. This cycle includes \$50 million for schools, with the remainder allocated to childcare programs. The first round of funding is expected in July.

SNA

LAC 2025: Sold out event! With a cap of 850, registration is now closed. The J.W. Marriott is fully booked. Please look to surrounding hotels for lodging.

Position Paper: The 2025 SNA Position Paper, along with fact sheets, background info, and a press release, is now available on the [SNA website](#).

Upcoming Webinar: [Register and join the February 12 webinar](#) (12:00PM PT) to review the 2025 SNA Position Paper and prepare for LAC with insights from the PP&L Committee.

USDA Secretary Nominee: The Senate Agriculture Committee will review Brooke Rollins' nomination as USDA Secretary in early 2025. Approval is expected, clearing the way for her swearing-in.

CDSS-CACFP

Language Access: Brochures are in the process of being translated in the five threshold languages.

Satisfaction Survey: Survey questions and procedures are being finalized for the satisfaction survey, launching in January, to identify future needs and ensure continued support.

Partner Mapping: Efforts are underway to collect baseline data on meal recipients, program operators, and external partners to identify areas for improvement and promote equity for California's served and underserved populations.

SAVE THE DATE

Legislative Action Conferences (LAC)

Washington DC: March 9-11, 2025

Sacramento: April 6-8, 2025

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