Public Policy & Legislation Committee

NEWSLETTER

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Capitol Advisors (CAG)

Budget Update

- Universal School Meals Implementation Support Grant:
 - \$160 million in competitive grants
 - Grant Allocation:
 - \$145 million for training & infrastructure
 - \$10 million for retention and recruitment
 - \$5 million for a CDE Marin COE study on Ultra-Processed Foods (UPFs) with findings reported to the state.

Where We Are in the Legislative Process

- Last Day of Legislative Session: September 12, 2025
- Governor's Deadline to Act on Legislation: October 12, 2025

Bill Update: AB 1264

- Meeting with the Author's office was held.
- · The most recent policy committee analysis is 19 pages.
- Possible exceptions to definitions that were mentioned include:
 - Flavored milk, Non-dairy milk, Natural additives &
 - Surface finishings (e.g., natural waxes)
- The bill will be moving to the Appropriations Committee.
- We will continue working with PP&L Chairs and the Industry Lead to track progress and next steps.

CDE Update

CNIPS Application Annual Updates

- The application are open and ready.
- Make sure your contact information is up to date.

Claims

- 60-day deadline to submit.
- Don't wait—submit as soon as possible!

Net Cash Resource

- Some SFAs have long-term net cash resource balances beyond the 6-month allowed in the cafeteria fund.
- Identified SFAs will receive targeted outreach.
- Ensure you are reinvesting in your nutrition department and student meals.

Sun Bucks Funding

- Where can we find info on admin cost reimbursement?
 - Reimbursement will not happen until early 2026 or later.
 - Communication will be sent out with expenditure codes and other key details.

One Big, Beautiful Bill - Key Updates

Signed July 4, 2025 – Potential changes to school meals start FY28 (Oct 1, 2027).

Two major provisions may impact School Nutrition:

- SNAP & Medicaid Changes
 - States must share costs for benefits.
 - SNAP error rate >6% = states cover 5–15% of benefits.
 - Could affect **Direct Certification =** financial & admin impacts.
- Medicaid provisions may also change eligibility, competing with state-level school meal investments.

Agricultural Appropriations Bill

- House Bill:
 - \$10M for Capital Equipment Grants
 - \$5M for Farm to School grants
 - \$0 for ICN discretionary funds
- Senate Bill: Similar, but adds back \$1.5M to ICN discretionary fund.

Other Legislative Highlights

- <u>MAHA Report</u>: Expected to be released early August SNA pushing for a meeting before release.
- SNA Hiring: State Policy Analyst position now open.
- Next SNA Legislative Update Meeting: July 28
- Tuesday morning newsletter and others Sign up here

CDSS-CACFP

- Translated Web Page 6 languages including English
 - Participants and Families web page
 - <u>CACFP Information for Families pamphlet</u> and the printable brochure for families
- Annual Renewals (formerly Annual Updates) begin August 1st
 - The AASC for the CACFP must be filled out, even if it has already been completed for SNP.

SAVETHEDATE

CSNA 73rd Annual Conference

Pasadena: October 29-November 1, 2025

Legislative Action Conferences (LAC)

Sacramento: April 12-14, 2026

<u>CalSNA PP&L Webpage</u>

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