

NEWSLETTER

"STAYING INFORMED, SHAPING THE FUTURE!"



School Nutrition Association

December 2024

Capitol Advisors (CAG)

Fiscal & Policy Updates

- State revenues are exceeding projections, which may increase education funding under Prop 98. The Governor's budget will be released in January, with updates to follow.
- The 2023/24 legislative session ended November 30th, with significant activity resuming in January after the new session begins. The LAO fiscal outlook will start the budget conversation.
- Federal changes to programs like CEP seem unlikely, as many states rely on them. California remains focused on maximizing federal reimbursements while maintaining funding independence. The President will be sworn in on January 20th.
- With one-third of the State Legislature turning over, attending LAC Sacramento in April will be crucial. We need you to share your story!

CDE Update

Input on New Meal Standards: Feedback was gathered at the CSNA Conference. Under Education Code 49531, if federal meal patterns don't align with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs), CDE must form a workgroup. A current gap exists between the Final Rule and the DGAs on added sugar and sodium levels.

CSNA Survey Results: There were 191 responses from 104 districts (mostly directors). For grades K-5, reduce sodium by 5% annually in SY 2025-2027, then 9% in SY 2027-2028. For grades 6-8, a 1.4% reduction in SY 2025-2026, then 12.8% in SY 2027-2028. For added sugar, limit to <10% of total weekly calories by SY 2025-2026, with phased reductions to <15% in SY 2026-2027 and <10% by SY 2027-2028.

Industry Update: Companies need 18-24 months to reformulate products.

SNA

LAC 2025 Updates: Registration is now live! Capacity is capped at 850, so be sure to register early.

SNA 2025 Position Paper: The draft was created by the SNA PP&L and Executive Committee on December 9-10. After board approval, the final version will be posted on the SNA website in January 2025.

USDA Secretary Nominee: Brooke Rollins, nominated as USDA Secretary, is a Texas native with a bachelor's in agricultural development from Texas A&M and a law degree from the University of Texas. She is president and CEO of the America First Policy Institute and previously led the Office of American Innovation and the Domestic Policy Council.

CDSS-CACFP

New Engagement and Equity Team: Designed to amplify operators' voices and support their success.

Forms Translation: Now available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, and Tagalog.

Webinar: *CACFP Stay Connected Quarterly:* Jan 29th, 2pm. Topics include diversity and equity strategies, stakeholder feedback, CACFP Satisfaction Survey, updates on the Language Access Plan, and partner mapping efforts. Get ready to engage and share your insights!

ELOP Questions: Send inquiries to Sean Hardin sean.hardin@dss.ca.gov, who will connect you with the appropriate contact.



Legislative Action Conferences (LAC)

Washington DC: March 9-11, 2025

Sacramento: April 6-8, 2025

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