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# School Nutrition News

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## Training Team Updates

Information about the School Nutrition Skills Development Courses (SNSDC) 2022 training will be released in the spring. We are hoping to offer a hybrid of in-person and virtual classes.

New e-learning resources are available on the Fruit, Vegetable, Grain, Meat, and Milk components on the [SNT Online Learning](#) webpage. There is no audio in these self-paced courses; we hope you find them to be an enjoyable alternative to our other webcasts.

## Social Media Updates

The WI DPI School Nutrition Programs Facebook and Twitter pages were closed on November 5, 2021. Please follow the [Wisconsin DPI](#) to stay connected on Facebook and follow [@WisconsinDPI](#) to stay connected on Twitter. Thank you for your support!

The WI DPI will continue to feature one school food service “superhero” each month on their Facebook page to recognize someone who is doing an excellent job in their role. If you know someone who would be an excellent School Nutrition Superhero of the Month, please let us know by sending an email to [DPIFNS@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:DPIFNS@dpi.wi.gov) with your nomination.

## FEATURED STORIES

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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[Around the World in 80 Trays](#)

FEBRUARY 24, 2022  
[Wisconsin Chili Lunch](#)

MARCH 8-12, 2022  
[National School Breakfast Week](#)

JUNE 19-22, 2022  
[SNA-WI Annual Conference](#)

# USDA Guidance Memo Summaries



## [SP 22-2021 Questions and Answers for Child Nutrition Program Operations in School Year 2021-22, Q&A #2](#)

This memorandum provides clarification on common questions related to child nutrition program operations during school year 2021-22.

## [USDA Policy Memorandum SP 01-2022: Questions and Answers for Child Nutrition Programs Emergency Procurement Due to Supply Chain Disruptions](#) (updated memo code, was SP 23-2021)

This policy memorandum provides clarification on questions related to child nutrition programs' use of emergency procurements due to supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19. Additionally, it details instructions and administrative procedures for utilizing the noncompetitive procurement method in 2 CFR 200.320(c). This guidance applies to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) (including the NSLP Seamless Summer Option), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

## [USDA Policy Memorandum SP 02-2022 Updates to the Federal Micro-Purchase Threshold in 2 CFR 200.320\(a\)\(1\)](#)

This memorandum notifies State agencies and child nutrition program operators of the changes made by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the Federal informal procurement method, micro-purchases, and the micro-purchase threshold in 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(i)-(v). Topics include micro-purchase distribution, micro-purchases awarded without competition, and micro-purchase thresholds.

# Lifecycle of Farm to School Workshop Series

The DPI School Nutrition Team’s USDA Farm to School Grant project, the “Lifecycle of Farm to School”, has just begun! The goal is to help schools across Wisconsin build or expand school garden programs and connect districts with local producers. The project includes a series of 8 workshops that teach school staff how to build a sustainable farm to school program and will focus on the following:

1.  **Seed Starting**
2.  **Building and Planting**
3.  **Garden Maintenance**
4.  **Harvesting**
5.  **Composting**
6.  **Processing**
7.  **Menu Planning**
8.  **Serving Local Foods**



If you are interested in starting or expanding farm to school efforts in your school or district, these workshops are for you! More information on each of the workshops as well as their registration forms are listed on the [Lifecycle of Farm to School Workshop Series](#) webpage. These workshops will be geared towards food service staff, but anyone who manages school gardens or the farm to school efforts at your School Food Authority (SFA) is welcome to attend.

## 2021 Equipment Assistance Grant

The application period for the 2021 Equipment Assistance Grant ended on December 17, 2021. Applicants will be notified via email if they were selected or not to advance to Part 2 of the application process. Thank you to everyone who took time to apply.



# Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program 2022

This school year more than 85,000 children in Wisconsin schools are snacking on fresh fruits and vegetables that are not always your average bananas and broccoli thanks to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). The USDA has provided enough funding for a record number of elementary students to receive a fresh fruit or vegetable snack two or more times per week, free of charge.

Participating schools are encouraged to purchase different varieties of fruits and vegetables that students may not otherwise have the opportunity to try. This year schools have offered students fruit and vegetables including snow peas, mango, and sweet potato sticks.

The FFVP application for the 2022-23 school year will open March 7, 2022 and close April 15, 2022.

Look for application instructions on our [FFVP](#) webpage in February.

Thank you for all you do to encourage the children of Wisconsin to eat more fruits and vegetables!



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## Small Victories Training

This spring, similarly to the fall, an interactive Small Victories training will be available. Information on this training will be available soon in the School News bulletin and on our [Small Victories](#) webpage.



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## GOALS Recipients

Congratulations to the following people who have recently earned their GOALS Certificate:

- Brenda Suehs, Manawa School District



# SNT Member Updates

## Farewell and Best Wishes to...

**Alicia Dill**, who spent the last 11 years as an Education Consultant for Wisconsin Team Nutrition. Alicia worked on numerous projects including the Whipping Up Wellness Student Chef Competition, Wisconsin School Meals Rock! Campaign, and the Team Nutrition Training Grants. Alicia will surely be missed.

**Melissa Samp**, who was a Public Health Nutritionist on the SNT for over four years. Melissa plans to pursue her passion of clinical dietetics. We will miss Melissa's work ethic and dedication to SFAs and students of Wisconsin.

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## USDA School Breakfast Expansion Grant

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction recently received \$1,997,999 for a school breakfast expansion grant from USDA which will help the state's schools in starting, expanding, and improving school breakfast programs.

Schools starting a new breakfast program may be awarded up to \$10,000 total over a two-year period of performance and schools expanding their breakfast programs may receive up to \$4,000 total over the same timeframe. School Food Authorities will be notified when the application becomes available.

[The USDA's School Breakfast Program](#) provides reimbursement to states to operate nonprofit breakfast programs in schools and residential childcare institutions. The Wisconsin DPI administers the program at the state level, and local school food authorities operate the program in schools.

As of November 2020, about 15 million children nationwide across 91,000 schools and institutions participate in the program.

For more information on Wisconsin's School Breakfast Program, visit the [DPI's School Breakfast Program](#) webpage.





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