

Fall 2013 Update

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Government Shutdown Over

- Child Nutrition Programs in Texas will be funded for several months
- Fiscal Year 2013 allowable costs will be paid
- USDA-donated food purchases should be delivered on time



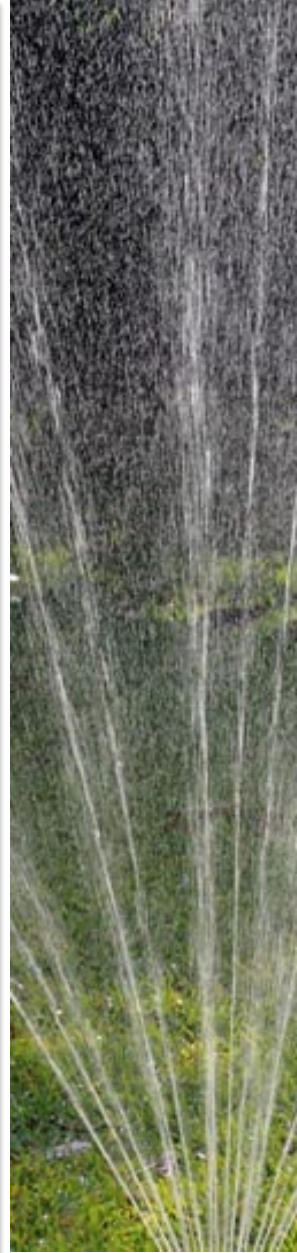
Food and Nutrition in 2012-13

- Summer Programs
- School Meals Programs
- 6 Cents Certification
- Direct Certification
- HealthierUS School Challenge
- Farm to School Initiative



Summer 2013 Successes

- Served **more** meals & requested **fewer** waivers
- 211 calls up 44 percent over 2012
- Texas Hunger Initiative sent text messages to 6,000 families
- Contracting entities participation up



School Meals Programs

(In Millions)	Lunch	Breakfast
Average Daily Participation	3.08M	1.7M
Meals Served	555.4M	306.9M

Total Federal Reimbursement:
\$1.77 Billion



6 Cents Certification

- 1,292 school districts have been certified
- 97% of all Texas schools are certified
- Approximately 25 school districts remaining to be certified



Direct Certification

- Congratulations Texas
- Matching the unmatched
 - Database
 - Benefits
- ESC assistance and training



HealthierUS School Challenge

Leading the Way to a Stronger Texas

Bronze

- 590 Awards
- \$500

Silver

- 152 Awards
- \$1000

Gold

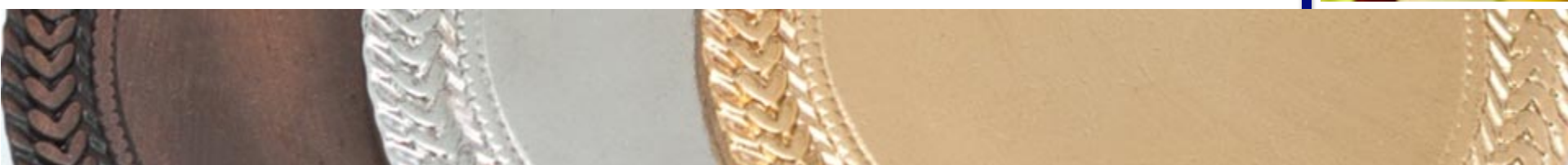
- 249 Awards
- \$1500

Gold with Distinction

- 37 Awards
- \$2000

1,029 Awards in Texas - More than any other state!

\$894,500 awarded to Texas



HealthierUS School Challenge

Updated website page includes:

- Tips for completing documentation
- Training on HUSSC criteria
- Links to USDA FAQs
- Details on new requirements

www.squaremeals.org/HUSSC



Farm to School Initiative

Local products in school meals

- Purchasing relationships with local producers or distributors
- Health, agriculture and nutrition education for students
- Garden-based learning
- Agricultural field trips and meet the farmer events
- Support for the local economy



Farm to School Initiative

Farm to School Grant

- USDA's grant award announcement scheduled for this month
- The next grant funding cycle is expected early next year



Farm to School Initiative

Farm to School Grant

- Dallas ISD used initial planning grant funds to create farm to school steering committee, Meet the Farmer Days and Harvest of the Month program
- Dallas Harvest of the Month features Texas products on each month's menu

www.squaremeals.org/farmentoschool



Food and Nutrition in 2013-14

- Outreach
- Breakfast Meal Pattern
- USDA Foods
- Administrative Reviews



National School Lunch Week

Happening Now – October 14-18

TDA Support

- Online toolkit
- TDA social media touting school commitment
- Local Products Challenge

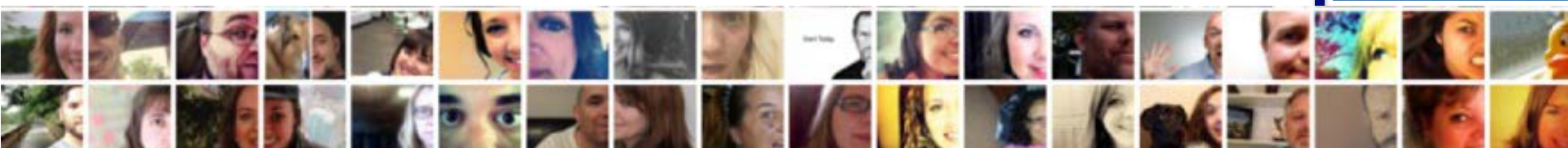


National School Lunch Week

Happening Now – October 14-18

NSLW/Farm to School Month Local Products Challenge

- 35 CEs representing more than 950 schools or sites putting Texas products on menus.
- CEs that incorporate an average of 3 or more local items each day earn Golden Grapefruit Award.



Social Media Outreach

- NSLW generated more than 1,000 views for TDA Facebook
- NSLW helped generate at least 29 new TDA followers on Twitter
- Follow TDA on Facebook and Twitter
- District success stories online at

www.SquareMeals.org/successstories



Breakfast Meal Pattern

- More fruit (starting 2014-15)
- Half of all grains offered must be whole grain-rich
- Trans-fat is limited to 0 grams per serving
- Less sodium
- Calorie ranges are tailored to specific age/grade groups

All breakfast meal pattern changes fully implemented by **SY 2022-2023**



USDA Foods

New products to support the new meal requirements:

- Lower sodium string cheese
- Whole kernel corn and bulk frozen mushrooms
- Frozen broccoli florets and frozen chopped spinach
- Unsweetened applesauce



USDA Foods

New products to support the new meal requirements:

- More creditable portions meat/meat alternate available
- Lower sodium meat/meat alternates
- No added trans fats in USDA peanut & sunflower butter, vegetable oils, frozen potato products, & Catfish strips
- Frozen fruits can contain added sugars through June 30, 2015



Administrative Reviews

2013-14

- 3-year cycle starts this year
- CRE vs AR



Administrative Reviews

2014-15

- 4-Elements of Review
 - PS1
 - PS2
 - General Area
 - Resource Management



Administrative Reviews

2014-15

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 - CE vs Site
 - Maximums
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 - Fiscal Action
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Additional Administrative Reviews

- What is an AAR?
- What does the state review?
- How is a CE selected?



Food and Nutrition in 2014-15

- Smart snacks in schools
- Universal breakfast
- Community eligibility option



Smart Snacks in Schools

A la carte, school store, snack bar, vending

- Schools/state rules may be stricter
- LEA shares responsibility
- TDA and ESCs ready to train



Smart Snacks in Schools

Meet **at least one** of these criteria:

- Be a whole grain rich product
- Have as the first ingredient a fruit, vegetable, dairy product or protein food (meat, beans, poultry, etc.)
- Be a combination food with at least a quarter cup fruit and/or vegetable
- Contain 10% of daily value of a nutrient of public health concern



Smart Snacks in Schools

Must meet **all** the following criteria:

- Sugar limits
- Fat limits
- Calorie limits
- Sodium limits

Some foods are exempt



Smart Snacks in Schools

Beverage requirements

- **Water:** non-carbonated or carbonated
- **Milk:** low-fat, nonfat, and nutritionally equivalent alternatives
- **Juice:** full strength or diluted with water – fruit and vegetable
- **Caffeine free:** until high school
- **Serving sizes:** except water



Smart Snacks in Schools

Texas Public School Nutrition Policy

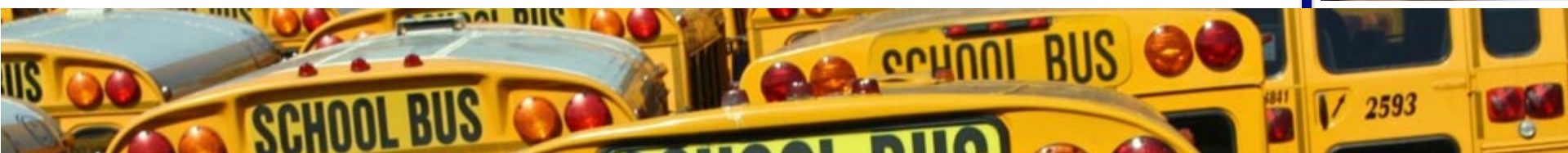
- TPSNP has kept Texas ahead of the curve with nutrition standards for competitive foods in schools
- Harmonization of regulation and rules
 - Streamline
 - Greater Efficiency
 - Greater Compliance



Universal Breakfast

SB 376: public school campuses and open-enrollment charter schools with 80% or more of the students qualified for a free or reduced-price breakfast will be required to offer **breakfast at no cost** to all students beginning SY 2014-2015.

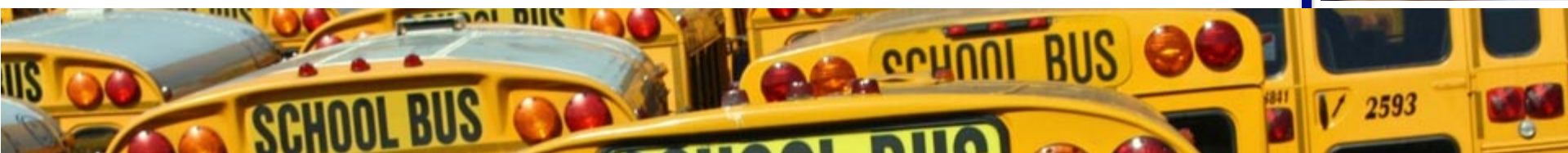
More than 60% of schools subject to SB 376 are already compliant.



Universal Breakfast

Waiver Process

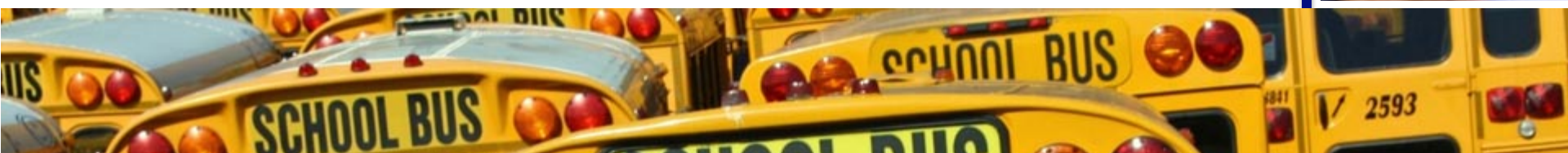
- Campuses that meet the criteria but do not wish to provide universal breakfast must vote to opt out of the requirement at a board of trustees meeting
- Based on the voting outcome, schools may request a waiver from TDA



Universal Breakfast

Waiver Process

- This process must be followed annually; waivers granted will be valid for one year
- More than 1,000 schools are now required to offer no-cost breakfast or seek a waiver.



Community Eligibility

SY 2014-2015:

- CE eligibility
 - Existing Conditions
 - CE agreement
- Participation
 - CE/Site
 - 4 years



Community Eligibility

SY 2014-2015:

- Reimbursement
 - Identified students
 - Multiplier
 - Formula
- Grace Period



Community Eligibility

Benefits

- All students nourished at no charge
- No applications
 - Ease administrative burden
 - No application processing
 - No verification
 - Household advantages
 - No submission of applications
- Meal service simplified
 - No student eligibility to identify





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