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# Local School Wellness ~ Revitalize and Rejuvenate!



**Healthy Schools**

**School Wellness Summit**  
**October 26, 2022**





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# Welcome

## Revitalize!

- Universal Meals
- Funding opportunities
- Training opportunities
- Waivers
- Local school wellness policy next steps

## Rejuvenate!

- Come with me on a wellness walk!





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# Transforming California Schools

**UNIVERSAL  
MEALS**



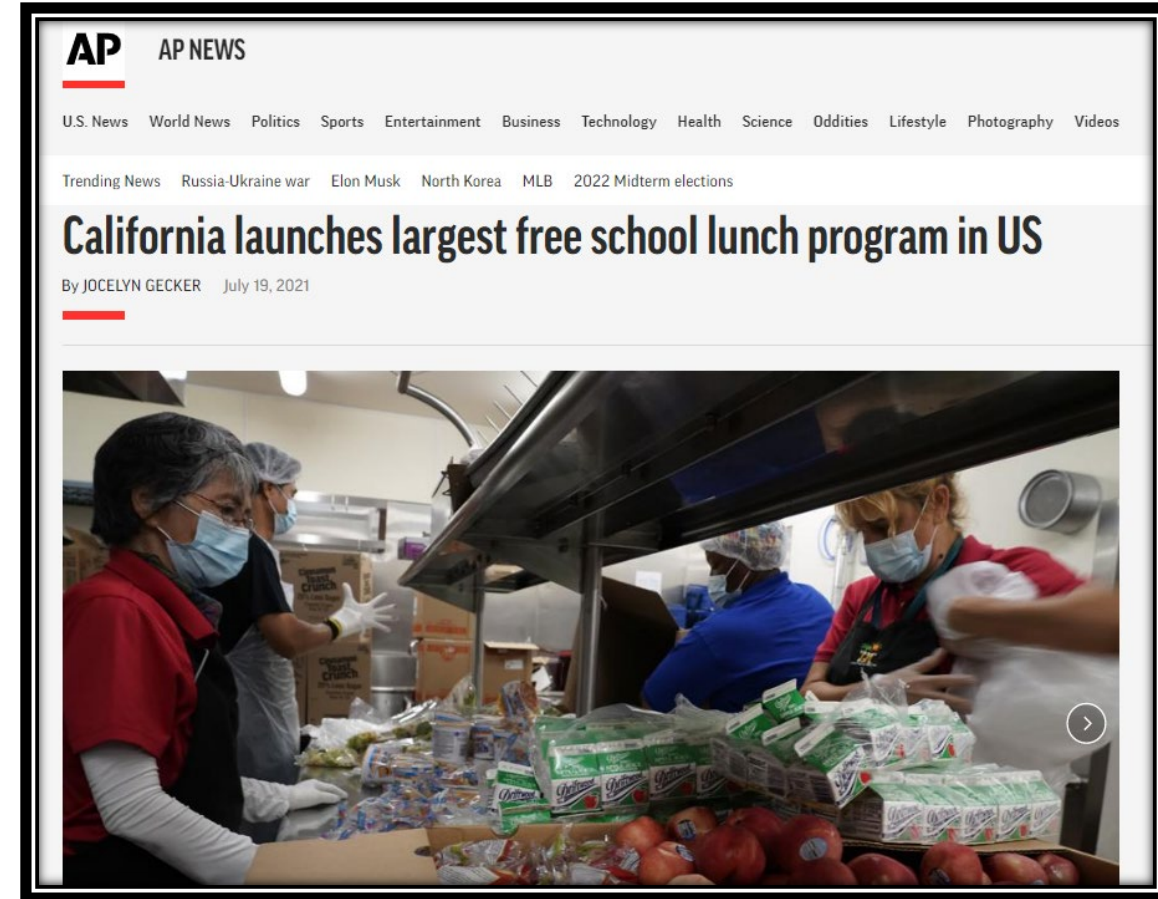


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# SY 22 – 23 CA Universal Meals

- *EC 49501.5:*  
Public Schools,  
County Offices of  
Education and  
Charter Schools  
Breakfast and  
Lunch for *all* at no  
cost





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# 2022–23

## Total Meal Reimbursement Rates

Type of Meal	Total
Basic Breakfast (Non-Severe Need)	\$3.155
Especially Needy Breakfast (Severe Need)	\$3.5650
Lunch	\$5.3250

- \* Eligible operators serving **both** NSLP and SBP are eligible for these funds; includes \$0.08 menu certification and \$0.02 differential



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# Universal Meals Support

- \$1.2 billion allocated for state reimbursements:
  - Increase state meal reimbursements by \$0.63 up to \$0.8950 ***per breakfast and lunch***
  - Additional reimbursements for all reduced-price and lunches served to match free reimbursement levels







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# Universal Meals Impacts

- **36** new sponsors
- **608** SFAs and **6,046** sites approved to operate the Community Eligibility Provision
- **102** SFAs and **638** sites approved to operate Provision 2
- **2,629 *new*** Provision sites since SY 19 – 20

**CA LEADS  
NATION WITH  
UNIVERSAL  
SCHOOL MEALS**





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# Test Your Knowledge







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# Universal Meals Quiz! (1)

Local educational agencies must submit a separate reimbursement claim for Universal Meals Funding?

True or False?





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# Universal Meals Quiz! (2)

LEAs must submit a separate reimbursement claim for Universal Meals Funding?

**False**

The CDE will automatically process both the federal and state meal reimbursements when claims are submitted.



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# Universal Meals Quiz! (3)

LEAs operating Universal Meals must still take meal counts?

True or False?





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# Universal Meals Quiz! (4)

LEAs operating Universal Meals must still take meal counts?

**True**

LEAs must still follow meal counting and collection procedures as applicable, which means standard counting or as required by the Provision you are on.





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# Universal Meals Quiz! (5)

Meal applications are still required under California Universal Meals for schools not operating a Provision 2 base year or CEP?

True or False?





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# Universal Meals Quiz! (6)

Meal applications are still required under California Universal Meals for schools not operating a Provision 2 base year or CEP?

**True**

Sites participating in standard counting and claiming must still collect meal applications!







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# Universal Meals – Collecting Applications!



Juan Valencia, Director  
Nutrition Services  
Romoland School District

## More Than A Meal Application

Meal applications do more than provide meals. They provide funding for programs and services that have lifelong benefits for students and families.



<https://youtu.be/Xm6wEgr1sVo>



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# Funding Opportunities

Funding Source	Timeline
Local Foods for Schools	Awarded to CDE in October 2022; anticipate release 2023
Supply Chain Assistance Funds – Round Two & Three	Tentative release of funds in November 2022
2022 Kitchen Infrastructure and Training (KIT) Funds	Tentative application release of November 1, 2022
NSLP Equipment Assistant Grant	Released October 24, 2022
School Food Best Practice	Tentative release early 2023



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# Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program-Reminder

- \$23 million for California
- 18-month grant period
- Purchase of local, domestic foods with a focus on socially disadvantaged producers and small businesses
- Food must be unprocessed or minimally processed





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# Supply Chain Assistant Funds

- Round 1: \$115.3 million (completed)
- Round 2: \$108.5 million (October tentative)
- Round 3: \$53 million (will notify when available)

To provide relief of supply chain disruption challenges

Funds must be used exclusively to purchase unprocessed or minimally processed domestic food products.

[SCAfunds@cde.ca.gov](mailto:SCAfunds@cde.ca.gov)





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# KIT Funds (1)

## 2021 KIT Funds (released)

- \$150 million
- Budget allows for excess training funds may be used for equipment and infrastructure
- Extends the expenditure and reporting deadline to June 30, 2024





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# KIT Funds (2)

## 2022 KIT Funds (\$600 million)

- Opt-in online registration form tentative release November 1, 2022
- \$100,000 base amount
- 50 percent of remaining funds proportionate to the NSLP and SBP meals claimed in October 2021
- Remaining funds only to agencies that attest that at least 40 percent of meals served weekly will be freshly prepared onsite starting school year 2023–24







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# KIT Funds (3)

## “Freshly prepared meals onsite”

### Guiding Principles

To promote:

- Scratch cooking
- On site meal preparation
- Meal preparation at a central kitchen

### Intention

To move away from:

- Processed foods
- Heat and serve entrees
- Pre-made entrees
- Fillers





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# KIT Funds (4)

To help estimate your agencies total 2022 KIT funds:

- Category 1: \$100,000 base amount
- Category 2:  $\$2.83 \times \text{number of NSLP and SBP meals claimed in October 2021}$
- Category 3: same as category 2

**Note:** this is only an estimate; actual awards depend on the number of participating agencies





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# NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant

- \$10.9 Million
- Request for Applications released October 24, 2022
- No Free and Reduced-Price Meal (FRPM) Eligibility Requirements





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# School Food Best Practices Funds

- \$50,000 Base Funding; \$100 million Total Available
- Encumber by June 30, 2025
- Procuring California-grown or produced, sustainably grown, whole or minimally processed foods
- Using California-grown, whole or minimally processed foods in plant-based or restricted diet meals for pupils
- Procuring plant-based or restricted diet meals for pupils
- Freshly preparing meals onsite





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# Nutrition What's New Web Page Funding Tab

The screenshot shows the California Department of Education website. The header includes the state seal and navigation links: Teaching & Learning, Testing & Accountability, Finance & Grants, Data & Statistics, Specialized Programs, and Learning Support. A search bar is in the top right. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / Learning Support / Nutrition / Nutrition What's New. The main heading is "Nutrition What's New". Below it is an "Overview" section with text about the Nutrition Services Division (NSD) and its Listserv messages. A red note states: "Note: Messages on this page will remain for three months before being removed." Below the note is a horizontal menu with tabs: Disaster, Recall, Training, Policy, Management Bulletin, Funding, Recognition, and Other. The "Funding" tab is circled in black. The content area below the tabs is titled "Funding".

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## Nutrition What's New

### Overview

The Nutrition Services Division (NSD) send messages via Listserv to program operators and contacts. The messages contained in the tabs below are identified by program and sponsor type. Program types include the School Nutrition Program (SNP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO), Summer Food Service Programs (SFSP), Food Distribution Program (FDP), and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). CACFP sponsor types include Day Care Homes (DCH), Child Care Centers (CCC), and Adult Day Care (ADC). SNP sponsor types include Residential Child Care Institutes (RCCI), and County Office of Education (COE). SNP role types include Chief Business Officer (CBO), and Food service Director (FSD). **Specialized messages intended for target audiences are marked with an asterisk (\*) and are not applicable to entire program and sponsor types.**

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Disaster Recall Training Policy Management Bulletin **Funding** Recognition Other

### Funding





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# Putting the “Fun” in Funding!

## Over \$1 Billion For California’s School Food Service

(not including reimbursements)







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# Pause for the Cause of Applause!





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# School Year 2022–23

- Goal is to resume pre-pandemic meal service
- Waivers are available when meal service is directly impacted by COVID-19
- Recommendation is to opt in proactively
- COVID-19 Guidance in the CNPs web page
  - Waiver application link
  - Summary of current guidance and waivers





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# Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment (1)

- Waiver extends deadline to June 2023
- Four Components to LSWP TEA
  - Compare to model policy
  - Assess progress towards goals
  - Assess and document compliance
  - Share results with the public





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# Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment (2)

- Local School Wellness Policy Collaborative Resources
  - Step-by-step guide
  - Templates- so many templates!
  - Model policies and assessments of each
  - [www.Healthyeating.org](http://www.Healthyeating.org)





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# Introduction to School Nutrition Program Administration (ISNPA) Trainings

Date	Topic
November 2	Competitive Foods
January 17	Food Distribution Program, Part 1
February 7	Food Distribution Program, Part 2





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# Tuesday @ 2pm Town Hall Schedule

\*Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month

Month	Format	Date
November	State Update Only and Guest Speaker( <b>1.5 hour</b> )	11/15/22
December	No webinar scheduled	N/A
January	State Update Only ( <b>1.0 hour</b> )	01/24/23







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# A Wellness Walk





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# Thank you!



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