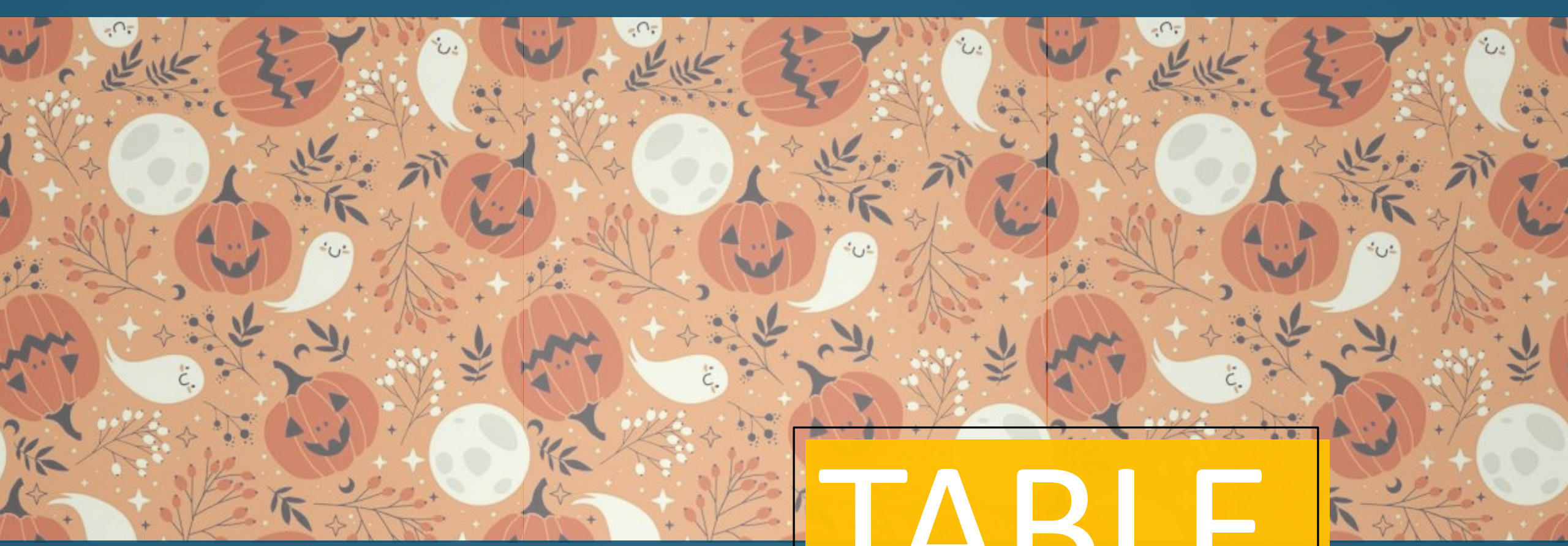


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Alabama State Department of Education
Child Nutrition, School Programs

Webex Recording



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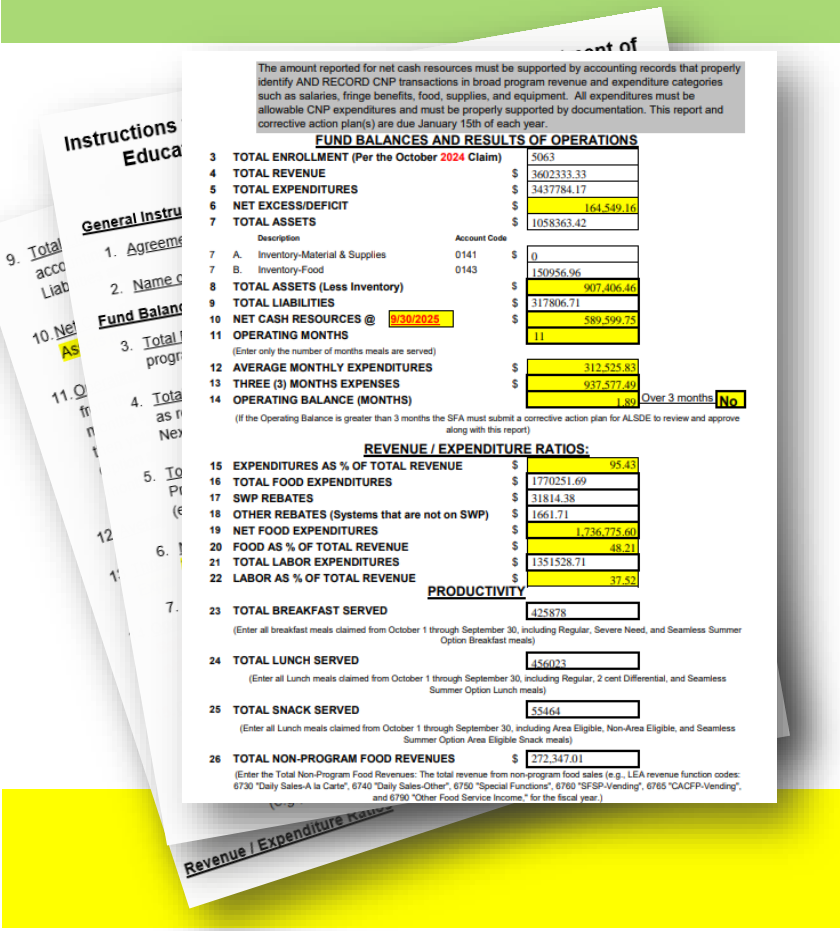
Sponsor Spotlight

- Cindy Coan, Russellville City Schools

REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

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REVIEWS AND REMINDERS



The amount reported for net cash resources must be supported by accounting records that properly identify AND RECORD CNP transactions in broad program revenue and expenditure categories such as salaries, fringe benefits, food, supplies, and equipment. All expenditures must be allowable CNP expenditures and must be properly supported by documentation. This report and corrective action plan(s) are due January 15th of each year.

FUND BALANCES AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

3	TOTAL ENROLLMENT (Per the October 2024 Claim)		5063
4	TOTAL REVENUE	$	3602333.33
5	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$	3437784.17
6	NET EXCESS/DEFICIT	$	164,549.16
7	TOTAL ASSETS	$	1058363.42
	Description / Account Code		
7	A. Inventory-Material & Supplies 0141	$	0
7	B. Inventory-Food 0143		150956.96
8	TOTAL ASSETS (Less Inventory)	$	907,406.46
9	TOTAL LIABILITIES	$	317806.71
10	NET CASH RESOURCES @ 9/30/2025	$	589,599.75
11	OPERATING MONTHS (Enter only the number of months meals are served)		11
12	AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENDITURES	$	312,525.83
13	THREE (3) MONTHS EXPENSES	$	937,577.49
14	OPERATING BALANCE (MONTHS) (If the Operating Balance is greater than 3 months the SFA must submit a corrective action plan for ALSDE to review and approve along with this report)		1.89 Over 3 months No

REVENUE / EXPENDITURE RATIOS:

15	EXPENDITURES AS % OF TOTAL REVENUE	$	95.43
16	TOTAL FOOD EXPENDITURES	$	1770251.69
17	SWP REBATES	$	31814.38
18	OTHER REBATES (Systems that are not on SWP)	$	1661.71
19	NET FOOD EXPENDITURES	$	1,736,775.60
20	FOOD AS % OF TOTAL REVENUE	$	48.21
21	TOTAL LABOR EXPENDITURES	$	1351528.71
22	LABOR AS % OF TOTAL REVENUE	$	37.52

PRODUCTIVITY

23	TOTAL BREAKFAST SERVED (Enter all breakfast meals claimed from October 1 through September 30, including Regular, Severe Need, and Seamless Summer Option Breakfast meals)	425878
24	TOTAL LUNCH SERVED (Enter all Lunch meals claimed from October 1 through September 30, including Regular, 2 cent Differential, and Seamless Summer Option Lunch meals)	456023
25	TOTAL SNACK SERVED (Enter all Lunch meals claimed from October 1 through September 30, including Area Eligible, Non-Area Eligible, and Seamless Summer Option Area Eligible Snack meals)	55464
26	TOTAL NON-PROGRAM FOOD REVENUES (Enter the Total Non-Program Food Revenues: The total revenue from non-program food sales (e.g., LEA revenue function codes: 6730 "Daily Sales-A la Carte", 6740 "Daily Sales-Other", 6750 "Special Functions", 6760 "SFSP-Vending", 6765 "CACFP-Vending", and 6790 "Other Food Service Income," for the fiscal year.)	$ 272,347.01

Annual Financial Reports:

- Check for receipt of the DocuSign. Contact cnpnslp@alsde.edu if you did not receive your copy.
- Read the instructions before you get started.
- Tips:
  - Wait to submit until your CSFO has closed out FY26 for CNP.
  - If data on the report changes, email cnpnslp@alsde.edu so a new DocuSign can be issued.
  - RCCIs & Private Schools: Remember to upload a copy of the accounting system trial balance report and bank statement used to complete the CNP Annual Report.

Due Date: January 15, 2027

Please note that the Docusign and the CAP (if applicable) must be complete and approved by ALSDE School Program staff on or before January 15, 2027. An SFA may be placed on withholding until an adequate and approved FY CNP Annual Report is received and approved by ALSDE.

REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

Be sure you have the updated address for ASNA, especially for PO's for conference!

Alabama School Nutrition Association
P.O. Box 380422
Birmingham, AL 35238-0422

Elizabeth Avery, Executive Director
asnaexecutivedirector@gmail.com



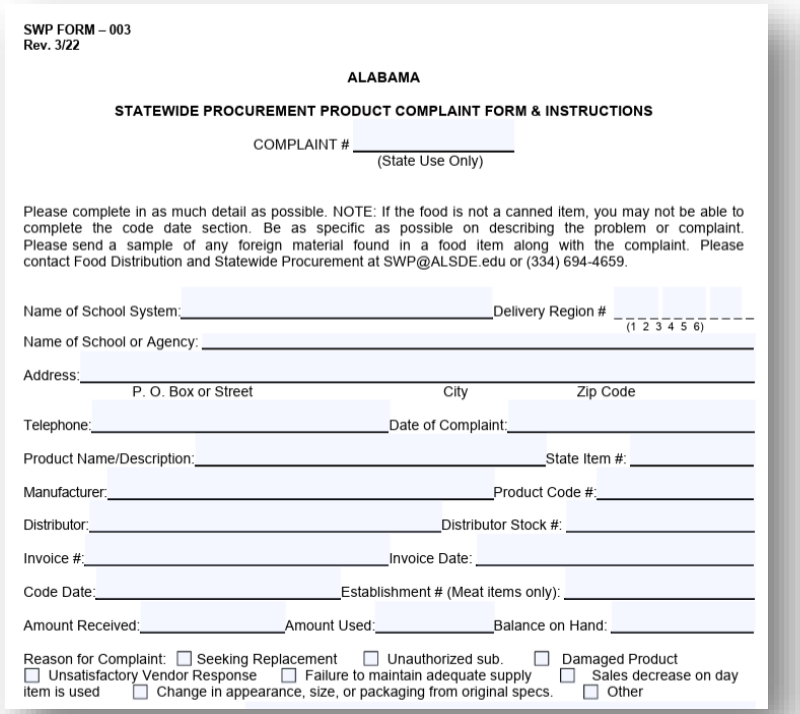
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Product Complaint Forms

Email to: swp@alsde.edu or FoodDist@alsde.edu

NEW!

SWP: Wood Fruitticher or PFG



SWP FORM – 003
Rev. 3/22

ALABAMA

STATEWIDE PROCUREMENT PRODUCT COMPLAINT FORM & INSTRUCTIONS

COMPLAINT # _____
(State Use Only)

Please complete in as much detail as possible. NOTE: If the food is not a canned item, you may not be able to complete the code date section. Be as specific as possible on describing the problem or complaint. Please send a sample of any foreign material found in a food item along with the complaint. Please contact Food Distribution and Statewide Procurement at SWP@ALSDE.edu or (334) 694-4659.

Name of School System: _____ Delivery Region # _____ (1 2 3 4 5 6)

Name of School or Agency: _____

Address: _____
P. O. Box or Street City Zip Code

Telephone: _____ Date of Complaint: _____

Product Name/Description: _____ State Item #: _____

Manufacturer: _____ Product Code #: _____

Distributor: _____ Distributor Stock #: _____

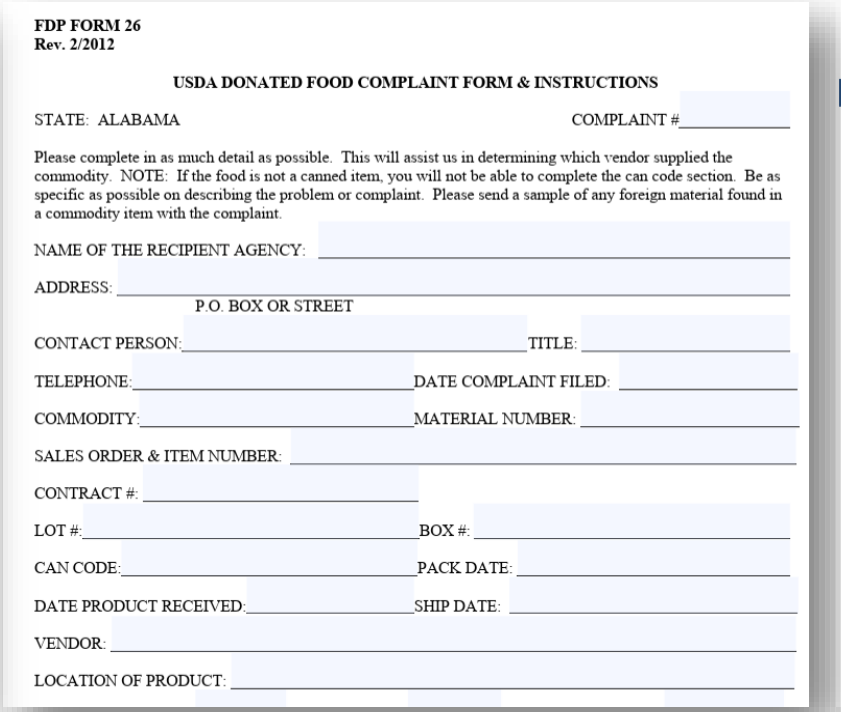
Invoice #: _____ Invoice Date: _____

Code Date: _____ Establishment # (Meat items only): _____

Amount Received: _____ Amount Used: _____ Balance on Hand: _____

Reason for Complaint: ☐ Seeking Replacement ☐ Unauthorized sub. ☐ Damaged Product ☐ Unsatisfactory Vendor Response ☐ Failure to maintain adequate supply ☐ Sales decrease on day item is used ☐ Change in appearance, size, or packaging from original specs. ☐ Other

USDA Foods (Brown Box)



FDP FORM 26
Rev. 2/2012

USDA DONATED FOOD COMPLAINT FORM & INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: ALABAMA COMPLAINT #_____

Please complete in as much detail as possible. This will assist us in determining which vendor supplied the commodity. NOTE: If the food is not a canned item, you will not be able to complete the can code section. Be as specific as possible on describing the problem or complaint. Please send a sample of any foreign material found in a commodity item with the complaint.

NAME OF THE RECIPIENT AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____
P.O. BOX OR STREET

CONTACT PERSON: _____ TITLE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ DATE COMPLAINT FILED: _____

COMMODITY: _____ MATERIAL NUMBER: _____

SALES ORDER & ITEM NUMBER: _____

CONTRACT #: _____

LOT #: _____ BOX #: _____

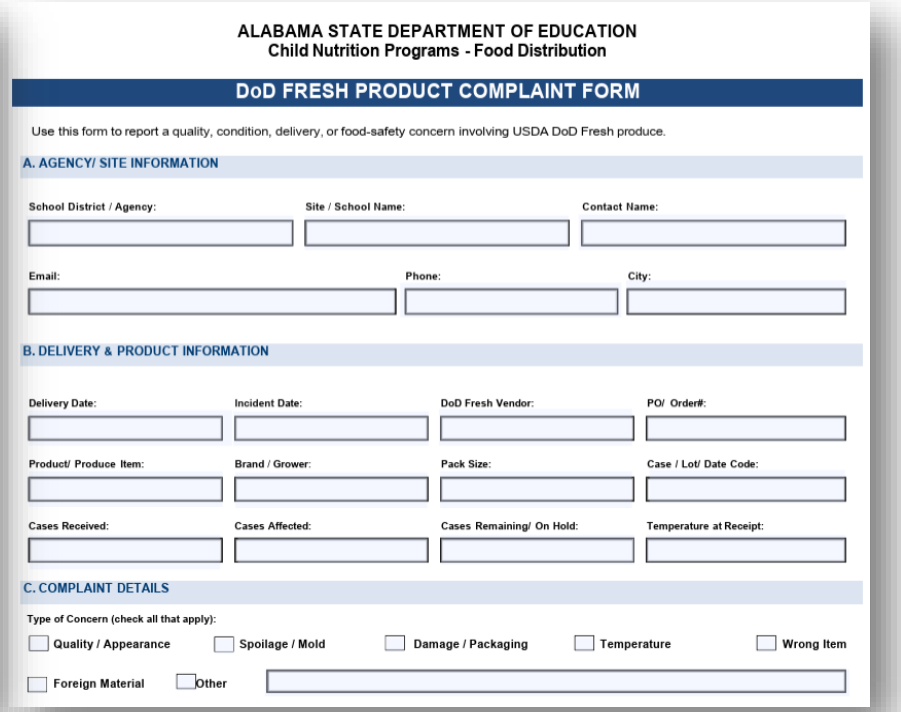
CAN CODE: _____ PACK DATE: _____

DATE PRODUCT RECEIVED: _____ SHIP DATE: _____

VENDOR: _____

LOCATION OF PRODUCT: _____

DoD Fresh/FFAVORS



ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Child Nutrition Programs - Food Distribution

DoD FRESH PRODUCT COMPLAINT FORM

Use this form to report a quality, condition, delivery, or food-safety concern involving USDA DoD Fresh produce.

A. AGENCY/ SITE INFORMATION

School District / Agency: | Site / School Name: | Contact Name:

Email: | Phone: | City:

B. DELIVERY & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Delivery Date: | Incident Date: | DoD Fresh Vendor: | PO/ Order#:

Product/ Produce Item: | Brand / Grower: | Pack Size: | Case / Lot/ Date Code:

Cases Received: | Cases Affected: | Cases Remaining/ On Hold: | Temperature at Receipt:

C. COMPLAINT DETAILS

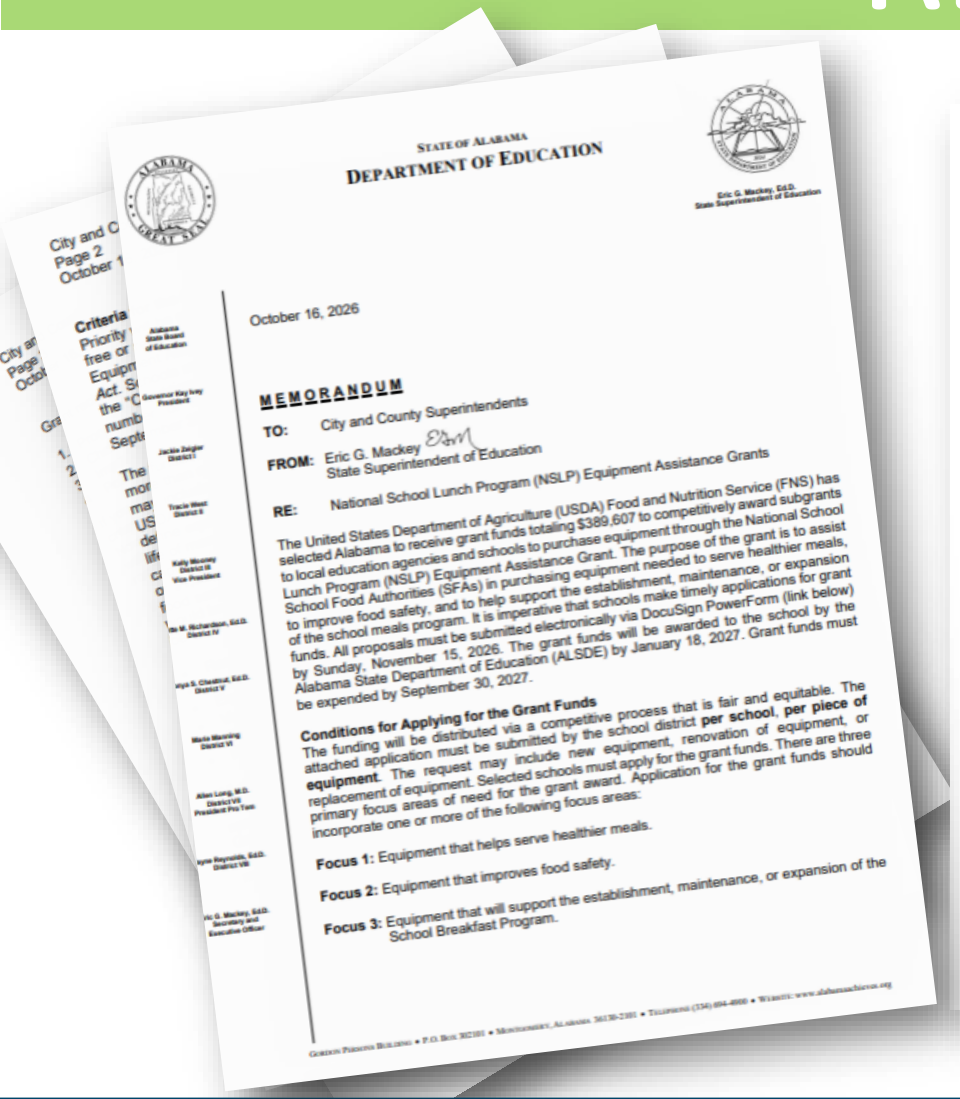
Type of Concern (check all that apply):

☐ Quality / Appearance ☐ Spoilage / Mold ☐ Damage / Packaging ☐ Temperature ☐ Wrong Item

☐ Foreign Material ☐ Other

https://www.alabamaachieves.org/ > Families and Students > Child Nutrition Programs > Food Distribution

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STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

October 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grants

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has selected Alabama to receive grant funds totaling $389,607 to competitively award subgrants to local education agencies and schools to purchase equipment through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant. The purpose of the grant is to assist School Food Authorities (SFAs) in purchasing equipment needed to serve healthier meals, to improve food safety, and to help support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the school meals program. It is imperative that schools make timely applications for grant funds. All proposals must be submitted electronically via DocuSign PowerForm (link below) by Sunday, November 15, 2026. The grant funds will be awarded to the school by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) by January 18, 2027. Grant funds must be expended by September 30, 2027.

Conditions for Applying for the Grant Funds
The funding will be distributed via a competitive process that is fair and equitable. The attached application must be submitted by the school district **per school**, **per piece of equipment**. The request may include new equipment, renovation of equipment, or replacement of equipment. Selected schools must apply for the grant funds. There are three primary focus areas of need for the grant award. Application for the grant funds should incorporate one or more of the following focus areas:

Focus 1: Equipment that helps serve healthier meals.

Focus 2: Equipment that improves food safety.

Focus 3: Equipment that will support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the School Breakfast Program.

We Teach Alabama
ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

FY26 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant

Deadline: November 15, 2026

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REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

NOVEMBER – SATSUMAS

Satsuma & Carrot Salad

Satsuma Parfait

DECEMBER – SWEET POTATOES

Glazed Sweet Potatoes

Sweet Cinnamon Fries

Recipe Book, Year 1

ALABAMA HARVEST OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER – PERSIMMON

Fresh Persimmons

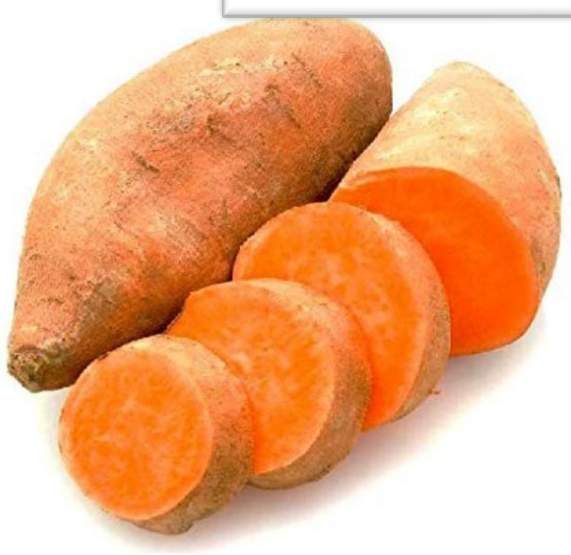
DECEMBER – BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Three Sisters Salad

Fiesta Lasagna

Recipe Book, Year 2









MONTHLY MEMOS

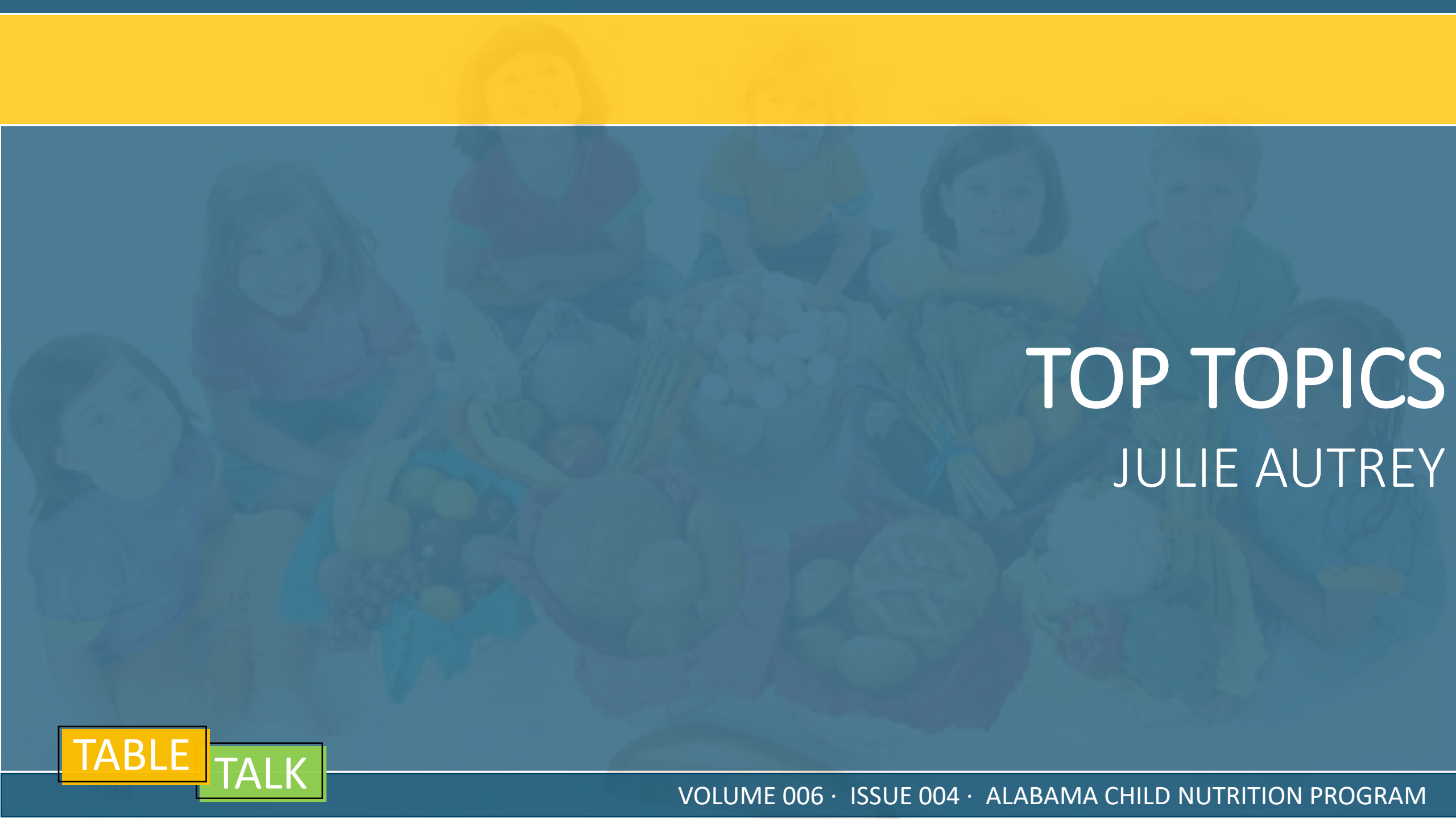
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- Private Schools Identified Student Percentage (ISP) Data Collection for SY26-27 – 10/5/26
- Weather Monitoring and Impact Reporting Procedures – 10/6/26
- Don’t Forget to Share Your NSLW 2026 Plans! – 10/7/26
- School Nutrition Program Policy Updates – 10/7/26
- Hurricane Isaias Update: Weather Impact Reporting and Meal Service Guidance – 10/8/26
- Introducing the ALSDE Farm to School Cookbook – 10/21/26
- NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Application Now Open – 10/21/26
- Notification of SY 2026-2027 Targeted Follow-Up Review – 10/28/26



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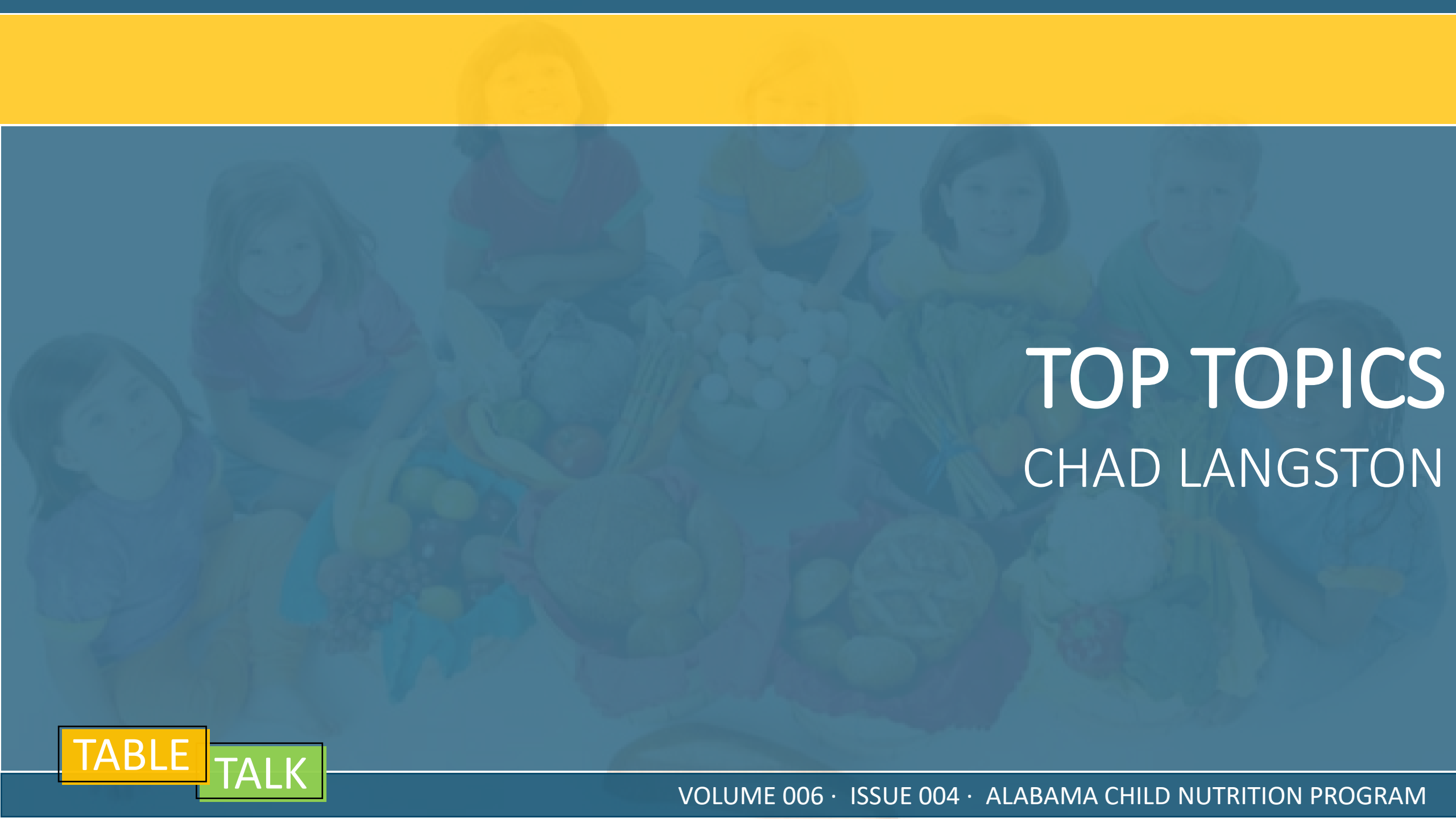
Pledge for Healthier School Meals

On October 28, 2026, the U.S. Department of Agriculture released a toolkit to support the **Pledge for Healthier School Meals**. This toolkit is intended to help schools implement options in the pledge to support healthier school meals.



What's included in the toolkit?

- Tip Sheets & Checklists
- Flyers & Posters
- Social Media Support
- Video Call Backgrounds



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Targeted Follow-Up Reviews

SFAs with qualifying findings from School Year 2024-2025 ARs will receive a Targeted Follow-Up Review during School Year 2026-2027. USDA requires these reviews to be conducted within two years of the initial AR when applicable findings are identified.

The purpose of this review is to verify that corrective actions resulting from significant or systemic findings identified during a previous Administrative Review (AR) have been fully implemented and remain effective.

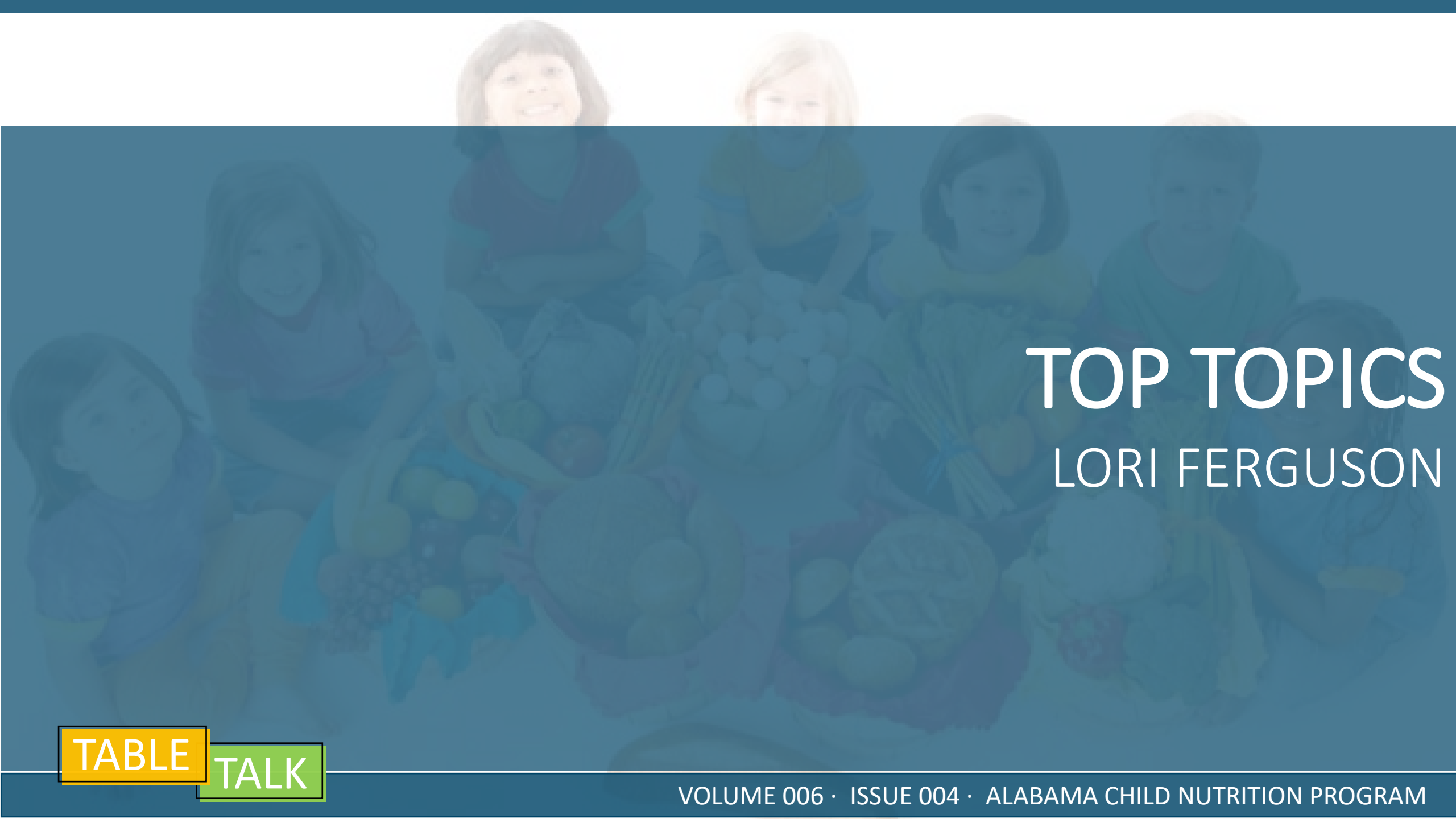
Targeted Follow-Up Reviews are required for SFAs with one or more of the following findings:

- A certification and benefit issuance error rate of 10% or greater
- Incomplete verification for the review year
- Significant or systemic errors in Performance Standard 1
- Significant or systemic errors in Performance Standard 2
- Significant or systemic errors related to allowable costs

It is not an Administrative Review. The review will focus only on the finding(s) that triggered the follow-up requirement and will assess whether approved corrective actions remain in place and effective.

Important: Targeted Follow-Up Reviews are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. SFAs must demonstrate that all approved corrective actions have been fully implemented, sustained, and are operating effectively. Failure to do so may result in termination from the program.

SFAs scheduled for a Targeted Follow-Up Review will receive a notification letter via DocuSign approximately one week before the off-site documentation review or on-site visit. **All requested documentation must be submitted before the review.**



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National School Lunch Week

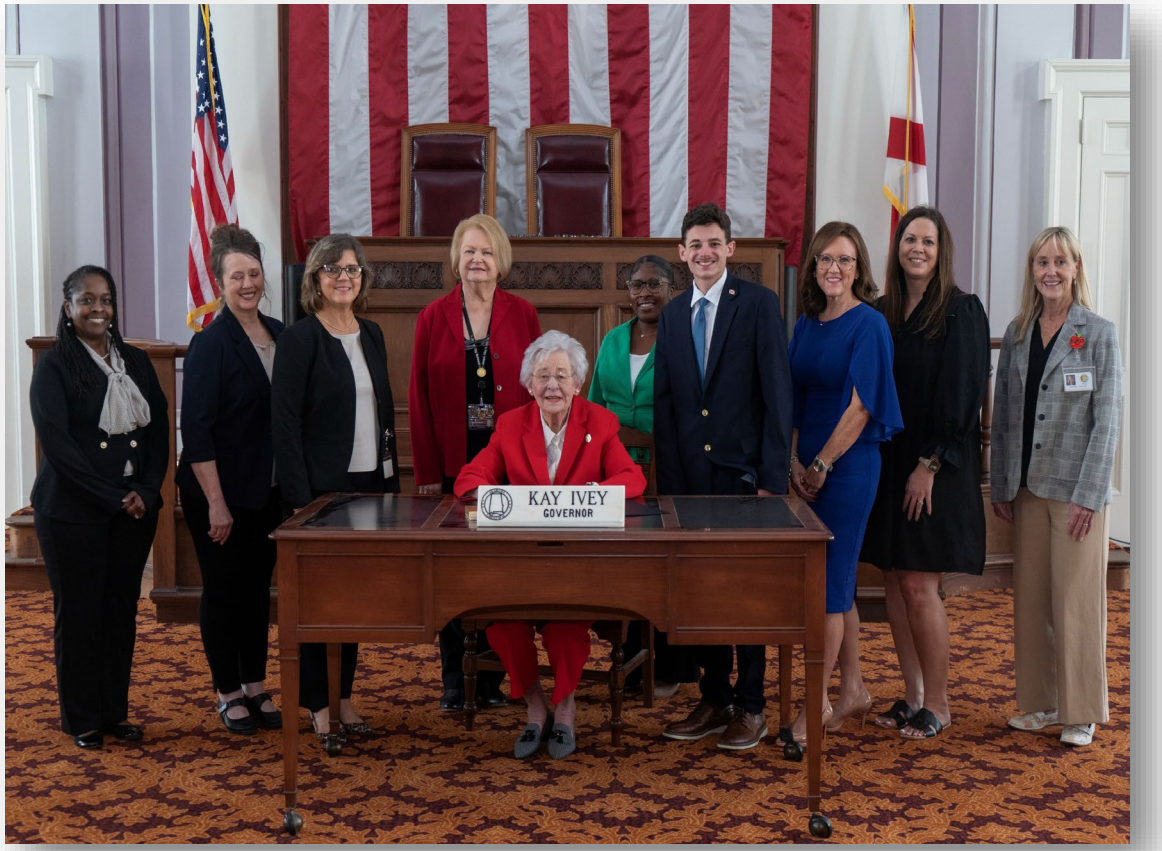




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Pickens County Schools – Gordo Elementary NSLW 2026







National School Lunch Week

Cullman City Schools NSLW 2026









National School Lunch Week

Haleyville City Schools-Haleyville Elementary NSLW 2026







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National School Lunch Week

Crenshaw County- Brantley School NSLW Family Carnival







National School Lunch Week

Fairfield City - Robinson Elementary NSLW 2026







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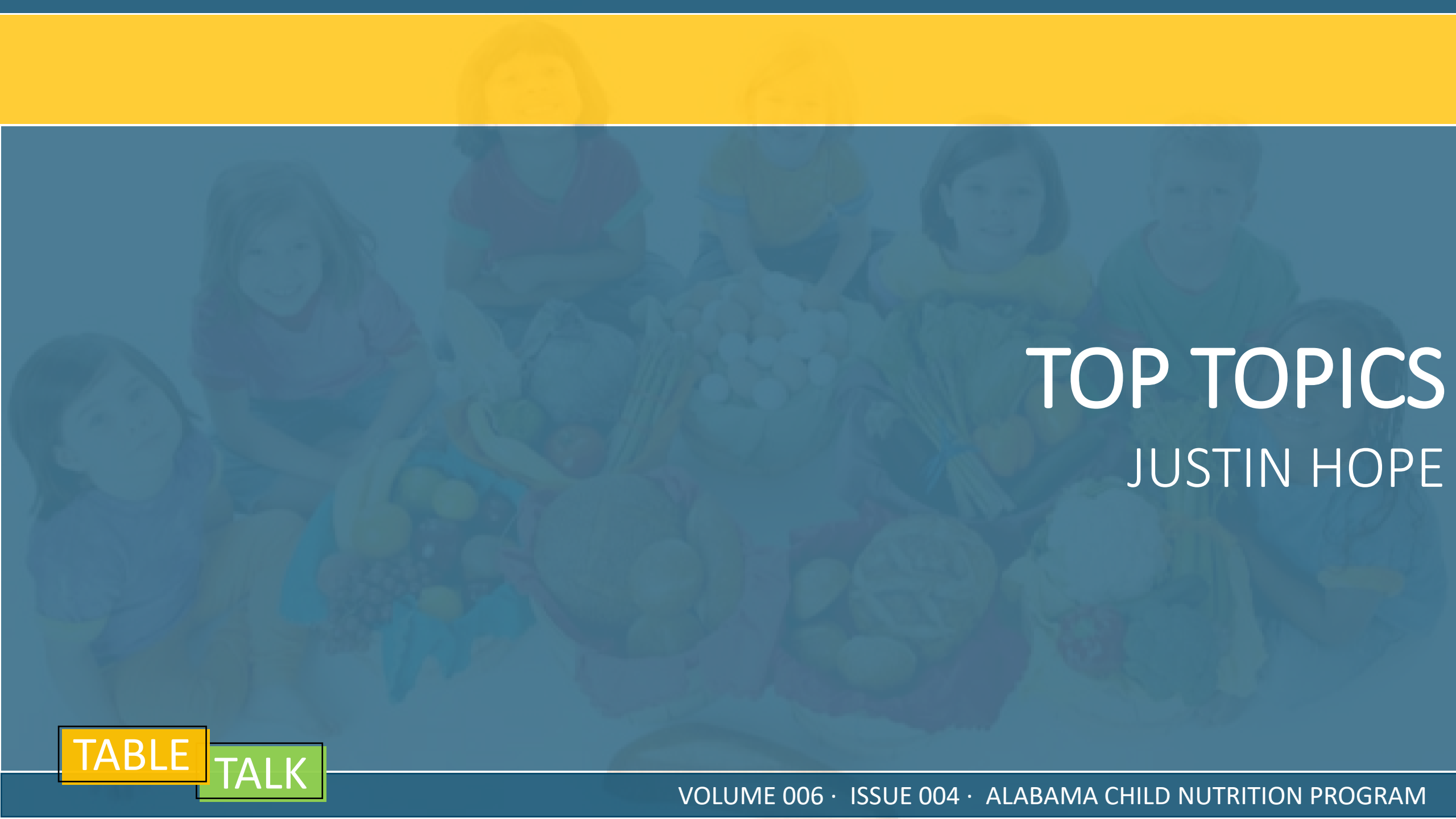
National School Lunch Week

Guntersville City Schools-Guntersville Elementary NSLW 2026









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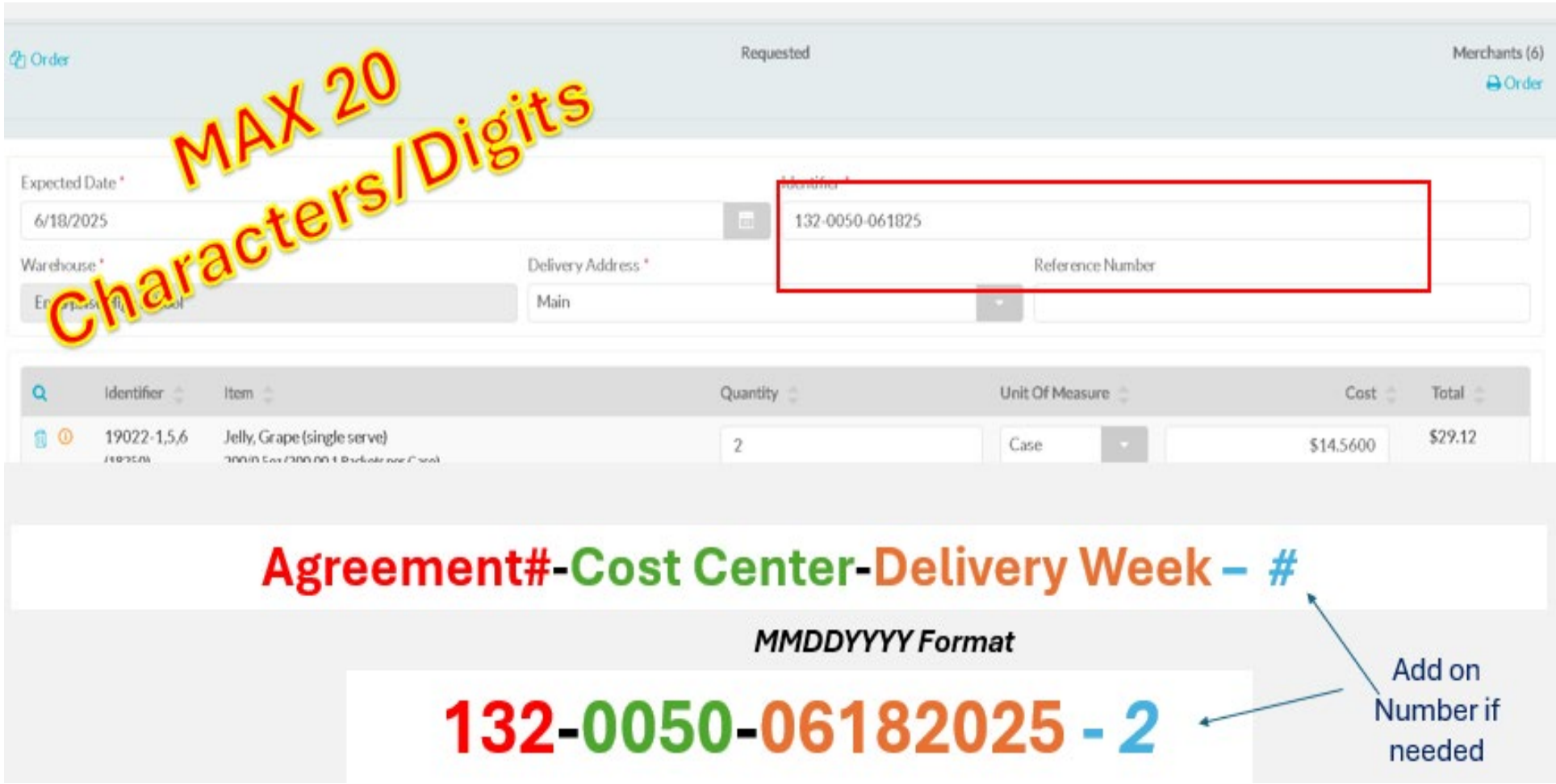
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Grocery Order Reminders/Identifier

Order Identifier



Grocery Order Reminders/Mapping

Product Mapping

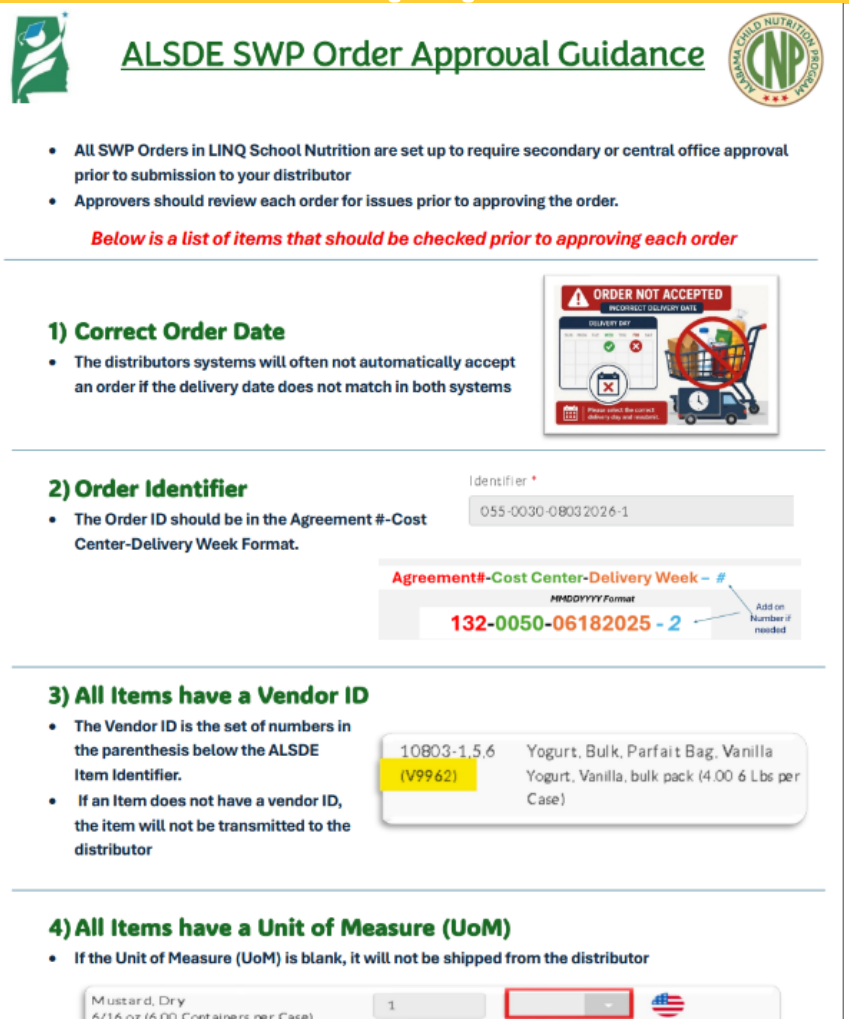
Detailed Instructions Provided in SWP Help Docs

- 2 Different Methods to Map Items
  - Weekly (If Needed) –
    - ❑ Individually for each Item that has changed Base UoM- Pack Size Change
  - Monthly-
    - ❑ Import Mapping Details from Master Mapping File
      - ✓ Provide by ALSDE
      - ✓ Distributor Specific (2 Separate Mapping Files)
    - ❖ ***Best Scenario is to utilize both methods to make sure all items are up to date.***

Grocery Order Reminders/Approvals

Order Approval

- Grocery Orders
  - Orders Should be approved 7 days in advance (minimum)
  - Directors Should receive a confirmation email from vendor when order was received.
  - Approve all orders prior to importing mapping files
  - Follow SWP Approval Guidance when approving orders
    - ID
    - UoM



ALSDE SWP Order Approval Guidance

- All SWP Orders in LINQ School Nutrition are set up to require secondary or central office approval prior to submission to your distributor
- Approvers should review each order for issues prior to approving the order.

Below is a list of items that should be checked prior to approving each order

1) Correct Order Date

- The distributors systems will often not automatically accept an order if the delivery date does not match in both systems

2) Order Identifier

- The Order ID should be in the Agreement #-Cost Center-Delivery Week Format.

Identifier *
055-0030-08032026-1

Agreement#-Cost Center-Delivery Week – #
MMDDYYYY Format
132-0050-06182025 - 2
Add on Number if needed

3) All Items have a Vendor ID

- The Vendor ID is the set of numbers in the parenthesis below the ALSDE Item Identifier.
- If an Item does not have a vendor ID, the item will not be transmitted to the distributor

10803-1,5,6 (V9962) Yogurt, Bulk, Parfait Bag, Vanilla Yogurt, Vanilla, bulk pack (4.00 6 Lbs per Case)

4) All Items have a Unit of Measure (UoM)

- If the Unit of Measure (UoM) is blank, it will not be shipped from the distributor

Mustard, Dry 6/16 oz (6.00 Containers per Case) 1



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VERIFICATION

October 1:

SFA's who verify applications should complete sections 4 & 5 of the Verification Report in the LINQ online application

- The Verification Report is in the online application list.

October 31:

All SFAs

- RCCIs and Full District CEP SFAs
  - Complete Section 1-3 of the Verification Report on the last operating day of October
- SFAS Verifying Applications
  - Complete Section 1-3 & Section 4 Column B on the last operating day of October

November 15: Verification Must Be Complete

November 18: Verification Report must be completed online

Private School ISPs



- 1st notification with all forms & instructions emailed July 8, 2026 & 2nd notification was sent October 5, 2026.
- Complete the October ISP Report update and notify families of any newly directly certified students who qualify through SNAP, FDPIR, Medicaid, or TANF.
- Students who were directly certified at the beginning of the school year remain eligible for the entire school year and do not require reverification until July 2027.



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Grant Opportunity: Chef Ann Foundation's Salad Bars to Schools

Salad Bars to Schools (SB2S), a national grant program operated by the Chef Ann Foundation, provides schools and districts with everything needed to implement salad bars effectively as a part of a reimbursable meal, while supporting a journey to more scratch cooking and values-aligned procurement. Our Salad Bars to Schools program grants K–12 schools everything needed to install a salad bar — including salad bar equipment and all accessories, marketing materials, and comprehensive online training courses through the School Food Institute.

K-12 school districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program with an enrollment of at least 100 students per school site may apply no later than **March 31, 2027**.



Alabama's Junior Chef Competition

- Application was sent out via Constant Contact 8/26/26 & a reminder on 10/27/26
- Applications due 12/4/26
- Teams are notified of selection by 12/18/26
- Competition will be held on 1/15/27 at Jefferson State Community College in Hoover, AL
- This announcement has also been shared with FCS Teachers
- SERO Competition will tentatively be held in April 29-30 in Orlando, Florida



Alabama State Junior Chef Competition

The Alabama Child Nutrition School Programs Staff is pleased to announce the tenth annual **Alabama State Junior Chef Competition**! This culinary competition aims to inspire students to develop innovative dishes for their school lunch programs. It encourages engagement with school nutrition and offers a platform for students to showcase their culinary talents. **Students in grades 8-12** will gain valuable experience in recipe development, public presentation, teamwork, and local food systems.

The Alabama Junior Chef Competition aims to inspire students statewide to participate in creating healthier school meals, thereby improving present and future health. Beyond educating students about nutrition, the competition fosters interest in incorporating Alabama-grown products into Child Nutrition Programs. Furthermore, it inspires and prepares the next generation of food-service professionals. The top 7 teams will be chosen to travel to the state competition.

December 4th, 2026	**Deadline** to submit your application packet.
December 18th, 2026	**ALSDE announces** the top 7 teams which will advance to the state competition.
January 15th, 2027	**Alabama Jr. Chef Competition** @ Jefferson State Community College Shelby-Hoover Campus
March-May, 2027	**Southeast Regional Junior Chef Competition** @ Florida. Specific competition date is to be announced.

If you have questions or have a team wishing to compete this year, please email CNPNSLP@ALSDE.EDU
A copy of the registration packet will be provided upon request.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program & Culinary Challenge

FFVP:

October claims will be submitted via LINQ!

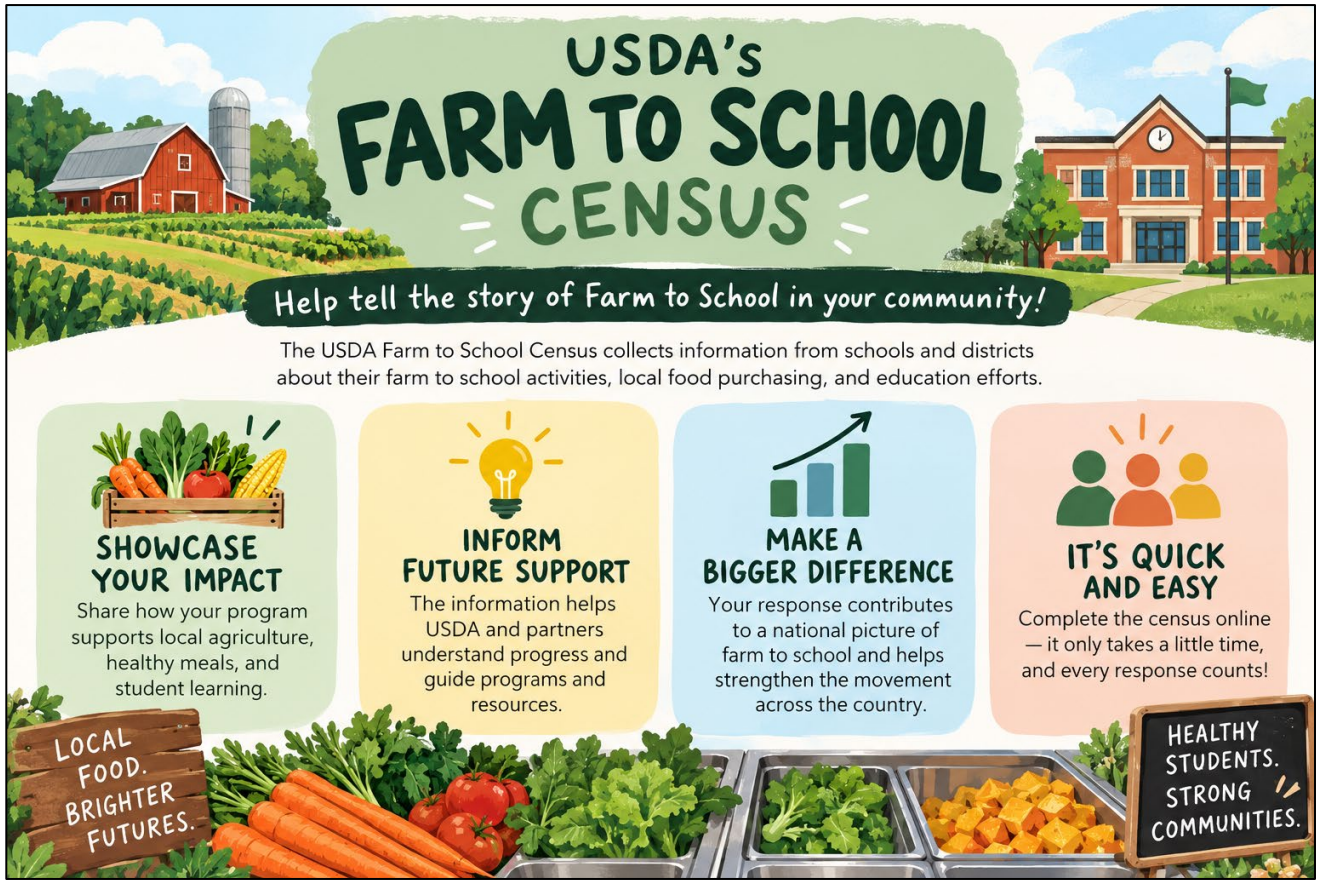




Culinary Challenge November & December Taste Tests:

- Buffalo Chicken Mac n Cheese
- Blackened Chicken Salad Wrap
- Succotash
- Chicken Thai Peanut Noodle
- Stuffed Bell Pepper Soup
- Jambalaya

USDA's Farm to School Census



- This month, USDA's study team will directly contact your district to confirm your contact information for the 2027 Census.
- FNA has developed a workbook to help SFAs track relevant data.
- FNA created a worksheet to help SFAs identify the key partners in their district or school contributing to farm to school.
- The Farm to School Census will take place from May 3, 2027 to June 30, 2027.

ALSDE Farm to School Cookbook

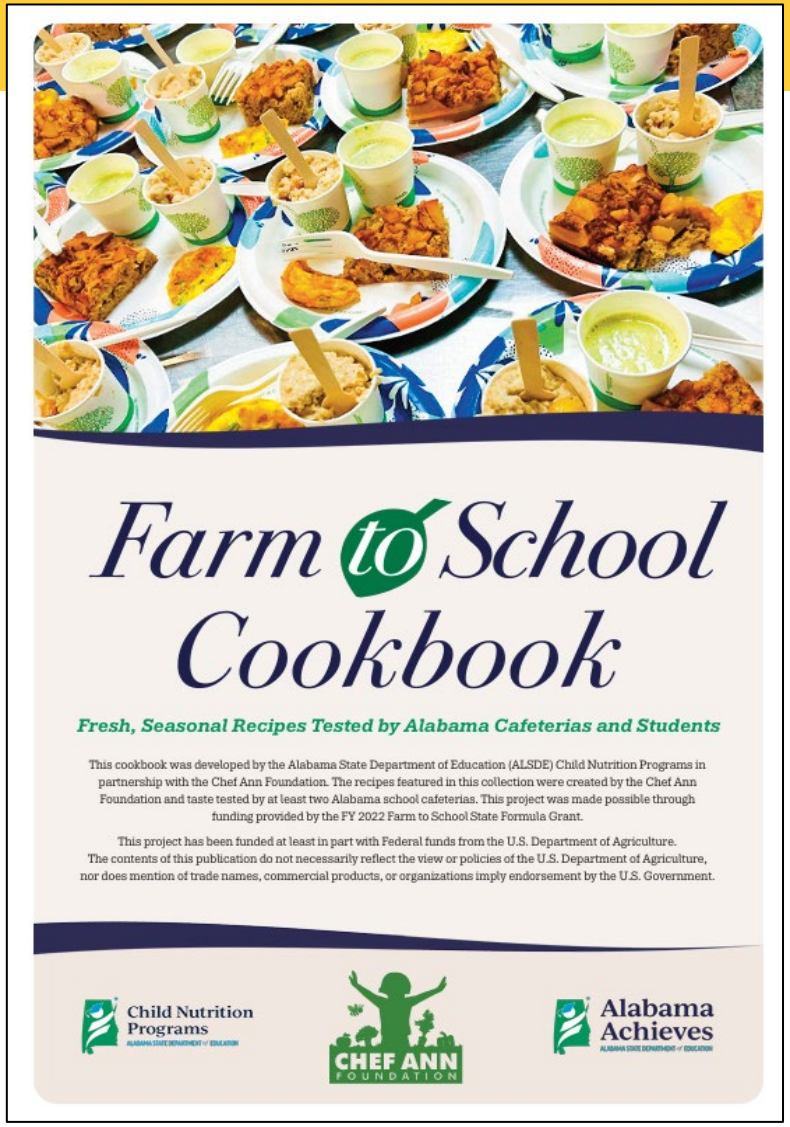




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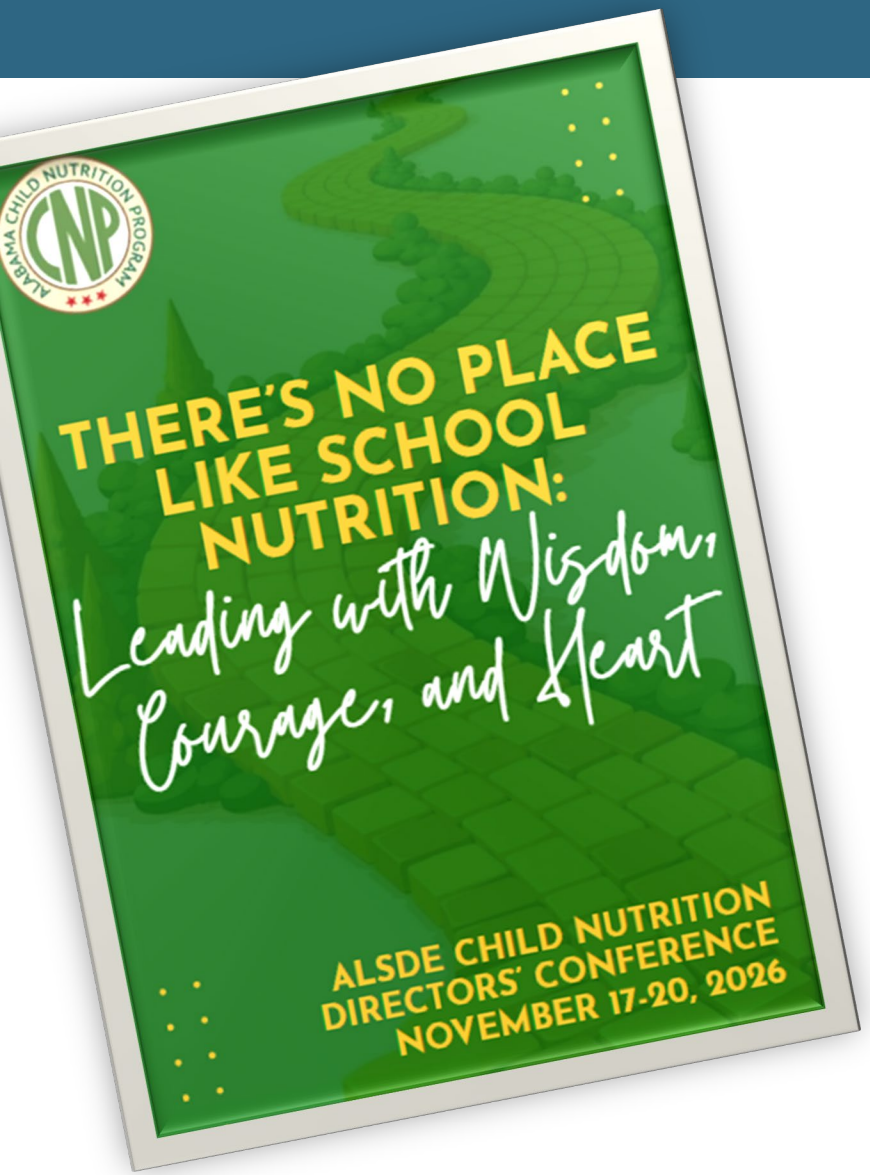
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EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	AREA
2026 Fall Conference	NOVEMBER 17 – 20, 2026	The Grand Hotel and Conference Center	Point Clear, AL
CEP Annual Training & Decision Making	JANUARY 28, 2026	ALSDE Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	Montgomery, AL
2027 ALSDE Spring Directors Conference	FEBRUARY 26, 2027 8:30 – 3:30	Von Braun Center	Huntsville, AL
2027 ASNA Spring Conference	FEBRUARY 26-28, 2027	Von Braun Center	Huntsville, AL

What to Pack



Tuesday: Farm Tour & Dinner
Close-Toed Shoes, Prepared for Rain, Sweatshirt at Check-In

Wednesday: Opening Session
Business Casual

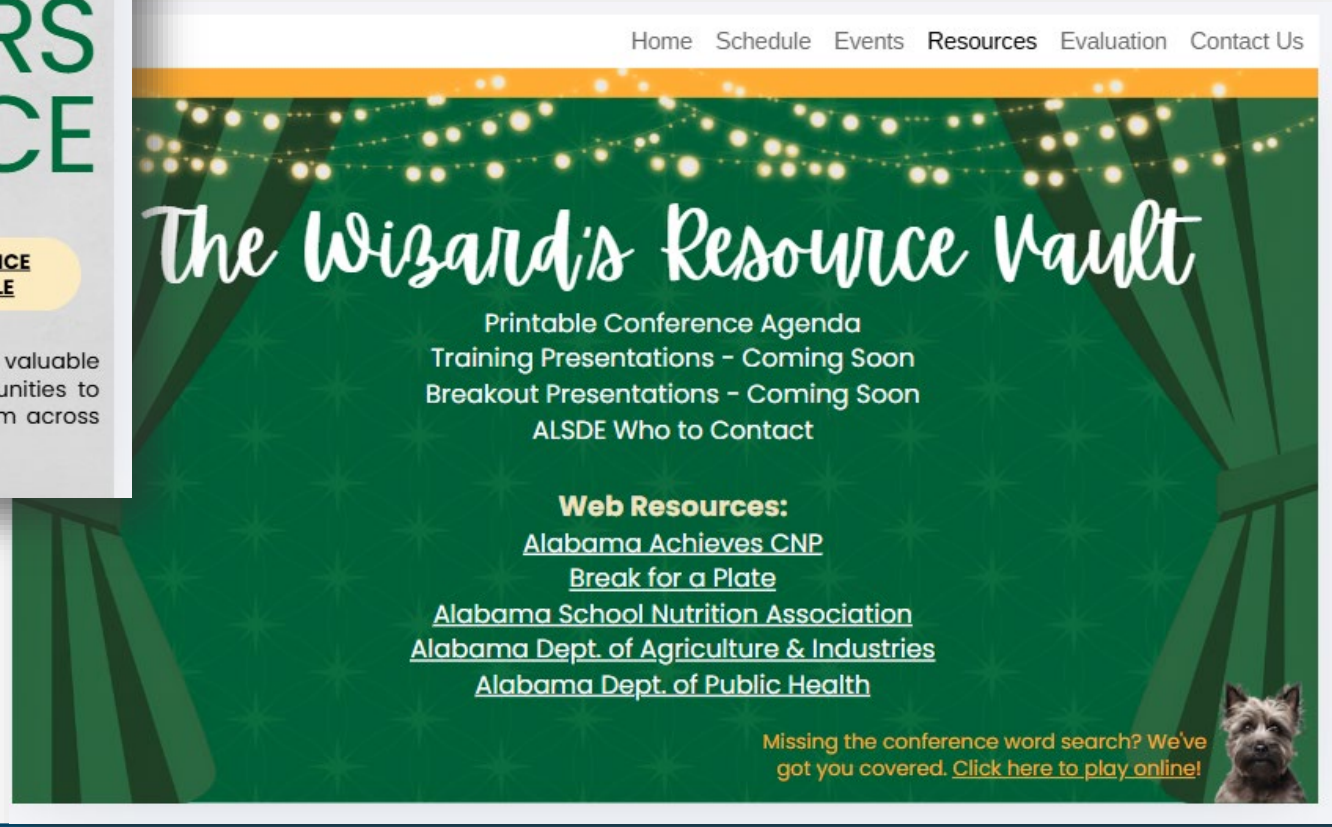
Thursday: Conference Theme Day
Wear a *Wizard of Oz* inspired outfit (optional)

Friday: Closing Session
Conference T-Shirt and Jeans



We're Going Digital!





Farm to School Farm Tour

Follow the Yellow Brick Road and join us for this year's Farm Tour! Along our journey, we'll visit several unique farms across the land, discovering the people, places, and products which make our agricultural community so special. After a day of adventure, we'll gather for a delightful dinner before making our way back to the hotel. As a special keepsake from our trip around "Oz", each participant will receive a commemorative sweatshirt.

We can't wait to travel down the Yellow Brick Road with you!

$55*

*In addition to your conference registration



Mike McKenzie, Mckenzie Farms



Craig Goolsby, Silverhills Farm





James Sirmon, Sirmon Farms



Dinner at The Waters Edge

Bus Leaves Hotel at 3:00 p.m.

Get on the bus with us!



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Schedule at a glance

Tuesday, November 17

3:00 - 6:00	Alabama Agriculture and Industries, Farm to School Tour, Transportation Provided
6:00 - 8:00	Farm to School Dinner Water's Edge, Fairhope, AL
	Pre-Registration Required

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 - 11:30	Farmer Meet & Greet
12:00 - 1:00	Conference Registration and Welcome Luncheon
1:00 - 4:45	Opening Session and Keynote Speaker

Thursday, November 19

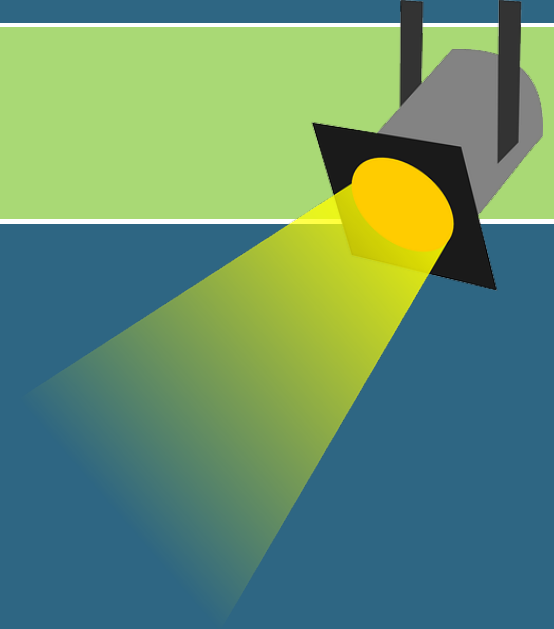
8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast Provided
9:00 - 12:00	Training Sessions
12:00 - 1:15	Plated Luncheon
1:15 - 4:00	Breakout Sessions

Friday, November 20

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast Provided
9:00 - 10:15	Area Meetings
10:15 - 12:00	Training Sessions
12:00 - 12:15	Evaluation, Q&A, Dismissal

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ELLEN WATSON

Cindy Coan

Russellville City Schools

What are you most proud of in your Child Nutrition Program?
One of the most rewarding parts of my job is when parents stop me in the community to share how much their children enjoy our school lunches. Those comments mean so much because they reflect the hard work of our entire team and remind us why what we do matters.

What is the best career advice you've ever received?
One of the best pieces of career advice I ever received came from my first principal, who encouraged me to earn my Master's Degree early in my career. He was absolutely right! That degree has made a tremendous impact on my professional growth and opened doors to new opportunities. His advice taught me the importance of investing in yourself and never underestimating how today's decisions can shape your future.

What's the most popular menu item in your district?
Breakfast for Lunch is hands-down our students' favorite! Crispitos are a close second.

What's your favorite way to relax after a busy week?
I'm a homebody at heart! I enjoy working on projects around my house and, most of all, spending quality time with my family. My children and grandchildren are my greatest accomplishment and the biggest blessings in my life. After a busy week, there's nothing better than being at home and making memories with the people I love most.





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Thank you for attending!

Be sure to document your attendance by completing the survey.

Scan the QR code

