



SNAC Bites – June/July 2016

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1. Announcing the 2016-2017 SNA Annual Membership Campaign!

Help SNA recruit new members and your reward could be a chance to win a VIP registration to ANC 2018 in Las Vegas! Recruit **five or more** new members between **June 1st, 2016 and May 31st, 2017** and you will automatically be entered into a drawing to win 1 of 5 VIP registrations to SNA's 2018 Annual National Conference (ANC) in Las Vegas, NV. For more details, please visit: www.schoolnutrition.org/vegas.

Recruited someone new to SNA? Tell us on social media using the hashtag: #SNAREcruiter

2. School Nutrition Magazine: New Look, Same Great Resource

Check your mailbox in June for a fresh new look to School Nutrition, SNA's national magazine! Not only is this the first new design in nine years, but the editors have been hard at work "renovating" the content mix to make it even more helpful to you. Read closely to discover several new departments and columns, but with the reliable mix of ideas that work and tools you can use. The SN magazine team would love to hear your feedback—drop us a line at snmagazine@schoolnutrition.org.

3. Customize Your #ANC16 Education Agenda with Filters

Now it's easier than ever to customize an agenda that meets your needs at #ANC16. Visit the [online tool](#) that allows you to filter education sessions by date, key area, member type and topic area. Some of the hottest topics that will be covered this year include: New Procurement Priorities, Reaching Across the Generations, Creative Culinary Concepts, Applied Psychology and much more. To learn more about this summer's conference and to register, visit www.schoolnutrition.org/ANC2016.



4. Which #ANC16 Section Meetings Will You Attend?

Member Section Meetings allow peers from districts and schools all over the country to come together and discuss specific challenges and solutions in school nutrition. This year we're offering a range of targeted learning opportunities for every type of member:

- **District Directors and Supervisors** – **Sunday, July 10, 8:00-9:00am** - *Making Friends with Your Data*
- **Major City Directors and Supervisors** – **Sunday, July 10, 9:15-10:15am** – *Putting the Power of Cultural Diversity to Work for You*
- **College** – Monday, July 11, 2:15-3:15pm - *Best Practices from the School Nutrition Research & Best Practices Showcase*
- **Employee/Manager** – Tuesday, July 12, 8:45am-9:45am - *How Smart are YOU – Emotionally and Socially?*
- **State Agency** – Tuesday, July 12, 12:00-2:00pm – *Hear the most up-to-date information on the USDA's recent activities and upcoming areas of interest*

For more information, visit <https://schoolnutrition.org/ANC2016/>

5. Invigorate your USDA Professional Standards Savvy before #ANC16!

Join us on Wednesday, June 22nd at 2pm Eastern Time (1pmCT/Noon MT/11am PT) as SNA's Webinar Wednesday's brings you the opportunity to refresh your knowledge of the USDA Professional standards before heading to the 2016 Annual National Conference. We will give an overview of the latest tools SNA offers to assist you in meeting Professional Standards, including:

- Tools and resources on SNA's hub for Professional Standards
- A demonstration for how to use SNA's new professional development learning plans for employees, managers and directors
- Answers to frequently asked questions about Professional Standards
- Updates to the SNA Certificate program and how SNA programming can help you meet annual training hours for Professional Standards

Click on [this link](#) to register and take advantage of this e-learning event and earn 1 CEU!

All webinars are held at 2pm Eastern Time (1pmCT/Noon MT/11am PT). For more information and to access Webinars On-Demand, please visit schoolnutrition.org/Webinars.

6. Visit the New Professional Standards Hub

Looking for information about Professional Standards? In need of training hours, or looking for resources for your staff? Then look no further! The new [Professional Standards Hub](#) has the relevant information that you are looking for conveniently located in one place, including:

- All the requirements in one place
- Training tracking tools
- New learning plans for school nutrition staff
- Guidelines for coding training



7. Track Your Training with the Professional Standards Learning Plan

The Professional Standards Learning Plan has been developed in direct response to member feedback. The learning plan provides a method of tracking for supervisors and managing staff. The learning plan comes prepopulated with links to 36 free online trainings based on job level and can be customized to include in-school trainings as well. Visit the [Professional Standards Hub](#) and click on Learning Plan to see more information and download the learning plan for use in your school.

8. Congratulations, SNA Award Winners- You Are Our School Nutrition Heroes!

The SNA Awards highlight outstanding individuals in all facets of school meal program operations and represent the vast array of professionals who go above and beyond in their commitment to improve and expand access to healthy school meals. This year, SNA recognizes state, regional, and national winners of the Employee of the Year Award, Manager of the Year Award, and Director of the Year Award. All winners will be recognized at the Red Carpet Awards Ceremony at SNA's Annual National Conference in San Antonio, Texas on Sunday, July 10 at 10:30am. For a complete listing of all SNA winners, [click here](#). We would like to congratulate our state winners: [ADD INFORMATION ABOUT STATE WINNER(S) HERE]

9. Research Helps You Make the Case for Change

Did you know that SNA publishes a peer-reviewed research journal? Available as an online-exclusive publication via SchoolNutrition.org, *The Journal of Child Nutrition & Management* is produced twice each year. The Spring 2016 issue features articles on elementary parent perceptions, barriers to serving pulses, the impact of beverage selections and more. Visit www.schoolnutrition.org/jcnm

10. House Committee on Education and the Workforce Markup of Bill

On May 18, 2016, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce held a markup of H.R. 5003, "The Improving Child Nutrition and Education Act of 2016." This bill was approved out of committee with a vote of 20 yeas and 14 nays. Several amendments were offered along with this bill. Some notable amendments that were passed are: to provide for a study to examine alternative funding to improve program effectiveness, to strike the "cultural foods" exemption, provide health and safety oversight and monitoring, adding a 3-year review, clarify milk purchasing, and to amend summer EBT language to allow the use of SNAP or WIC. To watch the archived webcast, review the bill, opening statements, and amendments, [click here](#). To read the press release, [click here](#).

11. SNA Implores Congress to Pass a CNR Bill that Protects School Meal Programs for Students

On May 18, 2016, SNA [released a strong statement](#) in response to the House bill (H.R. 5003), "The Improving Child Nutrition and Education Act of 2016." SNA is calling on Congress to pass a bipartisan Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill that reaffirms the long-standing federal commitment to ensuring student access to healthy meals at school. SNA strongly opposes this bill as amended and approved by the House Education and the Workforce Committee. "Although the House bill provides a much appreciated and necessary increase to federal reimbursements for school breakfast, portions of the bill will cause irreparable harm to federal school meal programs," said SNA President Jean Ronnei, SNS.



12. SNA Members Take Action

More than 2,911 SNA members have already responded in opposition of block grants by contacting their elected officials. There is still time to [take action](#) and reach out to your Members of Congress to express your concerns over block grant language. SNA members are encouraged to contact their House member and Senators to urge them to oppose efforts to block grant school meal programs. SNA issued a [press release](#) opposing the legislation and urging Congress to pass a bipartisan Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill that protects school meal programs, including increased funding and the [Senate agreement](#) on nutrition standards. Specifically, SNA opposes the bill's three-state school meal block grant pilot project and a provision to limit school eligibility for CEP, the Community Eligibility Provision.

13. SNA Sends Letter to House and Senate Leadership Seeking Clarification on Bill Language

On May 20, 2016, SNA [sent a letter](#) to Senate and House leadership on the committees with jurisdiction over Child Nutrition Reauthorization seeking clarification of the language and intent of Section 101 within their respective proposed bill in sections referencing 'sunset' language and the return of funds from the state agency to the Secretary of Agriculture.

14. Assist the School Nutrition Foundation in 2016

Are you attending ANC in San Antonio? Would you consider helping the School Nutrition Foundation by helping at the SNF Booth for an hour? You will be asked to talk with those who stop by to tell them about the Foundation and what it does to support school nutrition through education, research, and scholarships and to encourage support of the 2016 Annual Fund. To volunteer, contact Janet Hedrick at jhedrick@schoolnutrition.org and she will share the times available with you.

15. Nominate a School Nutrition Hero for 2017

It's not too early to begin thinking about that extraordinary SNA member who goes far above and beyond his or her responsibilities in school nutrition to make a difference in his or her school and/or community. Nomination criteria and nomination forms are available on the SNF website. Nominations are due in October 2016, but may be submitted now!

***We hope SNAC Bites is a helpful tool for you as a state leader.
For questions or feedback, contact StateSupport@schoolnutrition.org.***