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Public Policy and Legislation Updates

by Trevor Bridgewater

USDA has been working hard to develop and roll out new and updated school resources!

[Team Nutrition](#) is where you can find great tools for all programs. The School Meals planner for 2018 - 2019 is an updated guide for every aspect of school nutrition programs to help meet meal pattern requirements. Other popular topics from team nutrition include local wellness policy tools, Heathier US Schools Challenge, and quick links to webinars and training.

[SNA Action Network](#) is the one stop for information and how to become involved in the policies that impact school nutrition. Here you can find updates on bills affecting child nutrition, legislators and their contact information, updates from Washington D.C., and how to take action. State and local elections are fast approaching and elected officials need to know what is important for the future of school meals in Alaska!

Nominations now open for the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. In coordination with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the public call for nominations to the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC). The independent advisory committee will review the scientific evidence to help inform the next edition of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. Secretaries Perdue and Azar will consider the scientific review as they oversee development of, and approve, the 2020-2025 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. The deadline to submit nominations for the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is October 6, 2018, at 11:59 pm, Eastern Time. [Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee](#)

National School Lunch Week

Mark your calendar for National School Lunch Week—October 15-19, 2018! The #NSLW18 theme is “School Lunch: Lots 2 Love,” which was designed to help students and school nutrition professionals connect and share what each loves most about school lunch with parents, school officials, the media and the general public. Start planning your celebration today—get started with the help of our resources

<https://schoolnutrition.org/meetings/events/nslw/2018/get-started/>

SNA Webinar Wednesdays!

From playing up your strengths to achieving a successful Administrative Review, SNA has the webinars you need to benefit your career, your program and your students! [Learn More](#)

WEBINAR **WEDNESDAYS** • **Best of #ANC18: A Director's Guide to SLAY the Administrative Review!**

Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 2:00 pm ET

Does the thought of an Administrative Review (AR) frighten you? Hear from directors who have created the “Successful, Logical, Accurate, Yielding positive results” method (SLAY) to achieve a successful AR.

Successful completion of the webinar and quiz is awarded 1 SNA CEU, or 1 CPEU for RDs/DTRs.

Best of #ANC18: Rolling the Dice with Mobile Buses

Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 2:00 pm ET

Thinking about rolling the dice on a mobile feeding bus? As presented at #ANC18, join this webinar to learn how to design a mobile feeding bus and how to effectively integrate it throughout your program. Bring your chips and be ready to ante up so your program can go all-in with mobile feeding!

Successful completion of the webinar and quiz is awarded 1 SNA CEU, or 1 CPEU for RDs/DTRs.

Mushrooms in Schools: Creating On-Trend Meals with More Flavor and Less Sodium

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 2:00 pm ET

Learn how large and small districts are utilizing blended commercial products as well as local mushrooms and new IQF options on breakfast menus, lunch trays and salad bars.



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Dates to Remember

**National School Lunch Week
October 15-19, 2018**

**The 51st Annual Alaska School
Nutrition Conference is coming!**

**Conference dates
January 29- 31, 2019**

Upcoming Webinar Wednesdays

**Webinars begin at 10:00 AM
(Alaska Time)**

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[SNA's New Level 2 Certificate Has Launched—Learn more at #ANC18!](#)

SNA's Certificate in School Nutrition Program now has 4 Levels! The new [Level 2 Certificate](#) bridges the large jump in training requirements between Level 1 and the old Level 2. There are no changes for Level 1 Certificate holders, but existing Level 2 and Level 3 certificate holders have been notified that their certificate has been renamed Level 3 and Level 4 respectively. Your state certificate rosters have been updated to reflect the new level and name changes and can be downloaded from schoolnutrition.org/myaccount. Attending #ANC18? Visit SNA's Member Resources Center to learn more about the new Level 2 and how you can begin to "Plant the Seeds" for professional growth!

[Annual AKSNA Membership Campaign](#)

Alone we whisper, together WE SHOUT! AKSNA needs more voices raised in support of school meal programs. We need you to recruit **NEW MEMBERS** and new voices this year.

Recruit **ONE** or more new members between June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019 and you will be automatically entered into a drawing to win registration to SNA's 2020 Annual National Conference in Nashville, TN.

AKSNA membership offers you a supportive community of colleagues to share best practices, free live and on-demand webinars, educational and conference scholarships, certificate and credentialing programs to enhance your career, meeting and conferences tailored to your needs, along with advocacy and legislative efforts for school meal programs.

Please see the attached SNA Alaska membership application. For more information please contact Adrienne Schwartz at Adrienne.schwartz@juneauschools.org

[State Agency Update](#)

We would like to resurrent our mentor program since we have a large amount of districts with new staff in school nutrition this school year. If you have skills that you would like to share with other districts , please contact Jo Dawson or Beth Seitz for more information

[Save the Date for the 51st Annual AKSNA Conference](#)

The 51st AKSNA Conference will be held **January 29-31, 2019 in Anchorage, Alaska** with preconference sessions January 28. Our special key note presenter is former USDA Deputy Undersecretary and SNA President, Katie Wilson!

Katie has a wealth of experience in school nutrition and previously served in several leadership roles in the School Nutrition Association. Don't miss this opportunity to be motivated by Katie.

The conference registration form is below, please complete and return as instructed.

800ALASKA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION 51st Annual Conference



Keynote Speaker: Katie Wilson, PhD, SNS
Former USDA Deputy Undersecretary

Pre-Conference Sessions January 28, 2019
ServSafe Food Safety Training and Certification
PrimeroEdge 101 Software Training
School Nutrition Specialist Credentialing Examination
Additional registration fees required for these sessions

January 29-30, 2019
BP Energy Center
Anchorage, Alaska
Vendor Show January 31, 2019 at the Egan Center

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: MARRIOTT RESIDENCE INN
1025 E. 35TH AVE, ANCHORAGE
1-800-314-0781; Rate \$109 studio
***Book by January 4th to guarantee group rate "AKSNA" block rate**
(Across the parking lot from BP Energy Center)

2019 AKSNA Conference Registration

AKSNA MEMBERS GET A \$50 DISCOUNT WHEN REGISTERED BY December 1, 2018

Full conference registration includes: All general and breakout sessions, lunch on Tuesday, awards banquet on Wednesday evening, and the vendor show at the Egan Center on Thursday.

Please note that there is an additional fee for preconference sessions.

Full-day Preconference options 8:30 – 4:45 (Includes lunch):		
PrimeroEdge 101	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
ServSafe	\$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Half-day Preconference option 12:45 – 4:45		
School Nutrition Specialist Credentialing Examination		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The cost for the SNS Exam is \$225 with application and fee preregistration directly completed with the School Nutrition Association. For more information, please see https://schoolnutrition.org/Credentialing/SNS-Benefits-Requirements-Fees/</i>		
Full Conference Member Early Registration by December 1,2018	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Conference Member after December 1, 2018	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Conference Non-Member	\$275.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Full Conference Registration fee includes admission for 1 to the Awards Banquet dinner on Wednesday, January 30, 2019; check the box if you plan on attending the Awards Banquet?	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Banquet Admission	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daily Rate: \$100.00/day Please select day(s) Tues. <input type="checkbox"/> Wed. <input type="checkbox"/> Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>		
Total Fees Due:		

PLEASE FILL OUT THE COMPLETE REGISTRATION

Name: _____ SNA Membership #: _____

Job Title: _____

School District or RCCI: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Do you make the purchasing decision for the district? Yes No

Return completed form to: Theresa Wilson, Lake and Peninsula School District
 PO Box 498
 King Salmon, AK 99613
 Email: twilson@lpsd.com Fax: 907-246-4473
 Credit card payments accepted: 907-246-4280 press 6 ext. 313

Cancellations must be made 30 days in advance and are subject to a \$50 processing fee.

Agenda Summary

Day 1 – January 29, 2019

- Six Pillars of Success in School Nutrition
- Clean Label Cooking
- Allergies and Meal Accommodations
- School Food Share
- Application and Verification Processes
- Net-Off Invoicing
- Portion Control
- AKSNA Business Meeting

Day 2 – January 30, 2019

- Managing the Complexities of School Nutrition Programs
- Best Practices in School Breakfast
- SNA and Professional Standards
- Disaster Feeding
- Operating Cross-Cultural Programs
- Awards Banquet

Day 3 – January 31, 2019

- Tours (pick one):
 - Anchorage School District Central Kitchen
 - Charlie's Produce
- Vendor Show