

## Community of Practice Call

# COVID-19 Emergency Food Service

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SY 20-21 Professional Development  
*and The Collective*



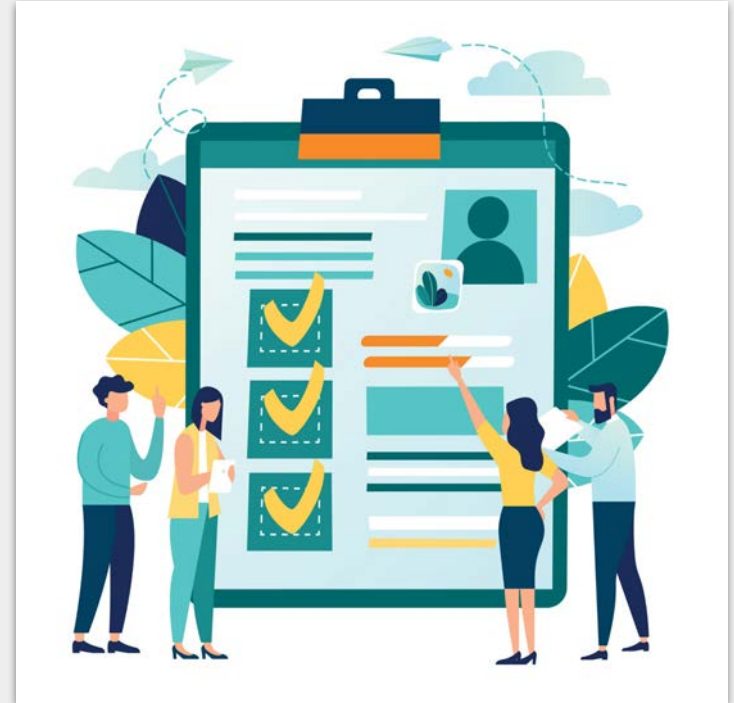
# agenda

- district spotlights
- policy + funding updates
- resources, grants, events
- how to stay connected!

## usda professional standards

1110, 1160, 2210, 2420, 2460, 2640, 3230, 3240,  
4120, 4130, 4150

1 hour of professional development



*Photo:*





- ☐ gay
- ☐ lesbian
- ☐ bisexual
- ☐ STRAIGHT
- ☒ HUMAN

happy pride month!

district spotlights

# vista unified school district, ca



# vista unified school district, ca





santa clara  
unified school  
district, ca



# santa clara unified school district, ca





san diego unified  
school district

*Congrats!*



San Diego Unified

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Exciting news! We are proud to share that Superintendent Cindy Marten has been confirmed as the next U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education, and will prepare to transition from San Diego Unified to Washington, D.C. to serve President [@JoeBiden](#) and students nationwide. [#BetterSD](#)



policy + funding



# policy updates | federal



## 97 nationwide waivers

- **new** waiver #97: administrative reviews
  - ✓ ARs **will** occur for schools operating SSO
  - ✓ remote reviews (*until 30 days after the emergency*)
    - certain elements will be waived:
      - ✗ meal applications
      - ✗ PLE
- **new** SP 11-2021: consolidated appropriations act
  - ✗ prohibition on poultry imported from China
  - ✓ starchy vegetables allowed at breakfast

# policy updates | federal



## reminders:

- all schools may serve meals for free under the SSO until **6/30/22**
  - no area eligibility waiver required!
  - allowable for open and/or closed sites
- SFSP reimbursement rates paid for SSO meals
- state reimbursement on top of that! (CA)

# policy updates | federal

**extended** until june 30, 2022:

- non-congregate meals service
- meal time requirements
- parent meal pick-up
- area eligibility for CACFP and NSLP snack



# policy updates | federal

## summer food service program (SFSP)

- current SFSP meal pattern waiver expires **6/30/21**
- all other SFSP flexibilities expire **9/30/21**

**EXPIRES SOON**

## seamless summer program (SSO)

- current meal pattern waiver expires **9/30/21**
- **new** meal pattern waiver begins **10/1/21**





# policy updates | federal



## meal pattern waivers:

- **new** SSO meal pattern waiver
  - applies to **SY 21-22 only**
  - expected to meet the meal pattern to the greatest extent possible
  - state agencies must re-authorize the use of this waiver on a **case-by-case** basis
- items that may be waived:
  - ✓ sodium requirements
  - ✓ whole grain requirements
  - ✓ vegetable subgroups
  - ✓ 2 types of milk
  - ✓ unflavored low-fat milk
  - ✓ age/grade groups

# policy updates | federal



## meal pattern waivers:

- **new** CACFP meal pattern waiver
  - effective **7/1/21**
  - expected to meet the meal pattern to the greatest extent possible
  - state agencies must re-authorize the use of this waiver on a **case-by-case** basis
- items that may be waived:
  - ✓ whole grain requirements
  - ✓ crediting by oz. equivalents
  - ✓ unflavored low-fat milk

# policy updates | federal



## reminders:

- CACFP suppers/snacks + NSLP snacks
  - ✓ free, regardless of area eligibility, until **6/30/22**
  - ✓ programs can operate until the **last day of SY 20-21**
  - ✓ resume service on the **first day of SY 21-22**
  - ✗ not permitted during summer school or summer vacation

# policy updates | federal

## meal applications under SSO

- **permitted** but *not required*
  - if applications are collected, then verification is **required**
  - collecting applications helps families qualify for p-EBT

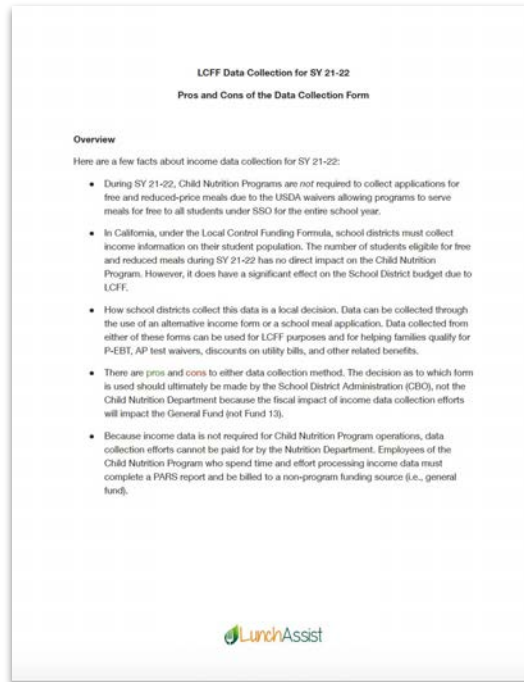




# policy updates | california

## meal applications under SSO

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  - collecting applications helps families qualify for p-EBT
- ★ meal applications vs. alternative income forms: pros & cons



# policy updates | california

## f/r meal applications

- allowable cost
- familiar to families
- low response rate in SY 20-21
- complex form
- parent must complete form
- confusing concept
  - “why should I ‘apply’ if meals are already free?”

## alternative income forms

- unallowable cost
- unfamiliar to families
- better response rate 🙌
- simple form
- phone-a-form allowed\*
- concept can be explained
  - “this will help provide more classroom \$ to our school!”

*\*the CDE permitted schools to call families and complete LCFF forms over the phone [during SY 20-21](#). TBD for SY 21-22.*

# policy updates | **california**

**school meals for all:** legislature set to include in CA budget

- \$54 million in 2021-22 / \$650 million ongoing - access to free meals for every student in CA public schools
- \$247 million - budget deficit relief for school nutrition
- \$200 million - SN training & kitchen equipment
- \$30 million - farm to school

**ask Governor Newsom to support today!**

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# 2021 spring / summer SNP checklist

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School Nutrition Programs Checklist

SPRING-SUMMER 2021

Complete these tasks April-August 2021



Important Dates

National Deadlines

- Jun. 30 - Complete Triennial Assessment and make it available to the public.
- Jun. 30 - Complete Professional Standards requirements for SY 20-21.
- Prior to the first day of Summer operations - Update State agency application (CNIPS in CA).
- Prior to the first day of SY 21-22 - Update State agency application (CNIPS in CA).

Food Safety

 [View Food Safety resources on The Collective](#)

☐ Ensure all sites have at least 2 food safety inspections during SY 20-21. If any site had fewer than 2 inspections, email the local health department to request a second inspection prior to Jun. 30. Save this documentation.

Financial Management

 [View Financial Management resources on The Collective](#)

☐ If non-program foods were sold during SY 20-21, complete the SY 20-21 Non-Program Food Revenue Tool. Use the results as a guide for setting a la carte pricing in SY 21-22.

 [Non-Program Foods Overview](#)

 [Non-Program Food Revenue Tool](#)

 Indicates additional resources are available for LunchAssist PRO Members on The Collective.

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# resources | supporting LGBTQ students


- create a “[safe zone](#)”
  - the safe zone project is a free online resource for powerful, effective LGBTQ awareness and ally training workshops
- resources
  - [pronoun guide](#)
  - [LGBTQ-inclusive language dos and don'ts](#)
  - [2-hour safe zone curriculum](#)
  - for more information and resources, visit [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)
- training video
  - [cultural competence for school nutrition professionals](#)
    - USDA professional standards key area: 4000
    - 20 minutes of PD



# resources | lunchassist blog

## Cultural Competence





Wondering how to talk to your team about cultural competence?

Our FREE training provides an overview of and practical tips relating to these key concepts:

- Race vs. Ethnicity
- Embracing Workplace Diversity
- Supporting LGBTQ+ Communities
- Diversity Includes Disability
- And More!

[Watch the Video](#)

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## What is Cultural Competence?

Civil Rights Feb 28, 2021 0 Comments



Every February, we celebrate something special in the U.S. And no, we're not talking about Valentine's Day. We're talking about Black History Month - one way our nation shows respect and recognition for the hard work of and sacrifices made by African Americans. As former President Obama said in a 2016 speech,

*"It's about taking an unvarnished look at the past so we can create a better future. It's a reminder of where we as a country have been so that we know where we need to go."*

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# resources | lunchassist blog

## key concepts:

- what is emergency procurement... and why does it matter?
- how to use emergency procurement
- tips & reminders
- emergency procurement template

## How to Use Emergency Procurement

Covid-19, Procurement May 26, 2021 0 Comments



Let's go shopping! Or rather, for us School Nutrition Professionals, let's go *procuring*! As most child nutrition directors know, purchasing items for your cafeteria is not as simple as running to the local grocery store. Procurement requires great finesse to get what you want, when and where you need it – and at the best price – all while not breaking any rules. This

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# resources | SY 21-22 AR boot camp



**Scheduled for a Review Next Year?**  
Join the LunchAssist SY 21-22 AR Boot Camp!

Camp begins on May 5, 2021!  
Rolling enrollment.

## What's Included?

 <b>Self-Guided Modules</b> Sick of reading 250-page USDA manuals? Us too. Sit back, relax, and listen to our short, fun videos.	 <b>Off-Site Assessment Cheat Sheet</b> Replaces late nights at the office so you can make it home by dinner time.	 <b>Monthly Gatherings + Private Facebook Group</b> Like-minded colleagues to support & encourage you - aka your new besties.	 <b>Policy Templates, Tools, + Checklists</b> Don't recreate the wheel. Use tried-and-true tools for a successful review.
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## Who Is This For?

### This Boot Camp is for YOU!

- New Nutrition Directors
- Experienced Directors
- Directors in every state
- Districts or Charters
- Others who function as the School Nutrition Director

## What Is The Investment?

Member Price - \$745\*  
Non-Member - \$995

\*Are you already a LunchAssist PRO Member?  
Existing PRO members receive a \$250 discount.

For more information and to join, visit [www.lunchassist.org/ARBootCamp](http://www.lunchassist.org/ARBootCamp)

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## Dates

### SY 21-22 AR Boot Camp Dates & Session Information

Session	Dates	Format
Kick-Off Event	5/5/21, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live
Session 1	Available starting 5/5/21	Self-Guided
Monthly Gathering	6/2/21, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live
Session 2	Available starting 8/4/21	Self-Guided
Monthly Gathering	8/4/21, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live
Monthly Gathering	9/1/21, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live
Monthly Gathering	10/6/21, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live
Monthly Gathering	11/3/21, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live
Session 3	Available starting 12/1/21	Self-Guided
Monthly Gathering	12/1/21, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live
Monthly Gathering	2/2/22, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live
Monthly Gathering	3/2/22, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live
Monthly Gathering	4/6/22, 1:30 pm Pacific	Live

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SY 21-22 AR BOOT CAMP

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## Camp Schedule

Camp officially starts in Spring 2021, but enrollment is on a rolling basis, which means you can join anytime! If you are joining us later in the year, just be sure to start from the beginning and watch the recordings of the live events, so you don't miss a beat!

### Welcome to Camp! | Camp Begins 5/5/21

- ❑ Live Kick-Off Event

### Session 1: Get a Jump Start! | Available 5/5 on LunchAssist PRO

- ❑ Introduction to the AR Boot Camp
- ❑ Survival Tips
- ❑ Administrative Review 101
- ❑ Professional Standards & Summer Outreach
- ❑ Local School Wellness Policy & Triennial Assessment
- ❑ Resource Management 101

### Session 2: Preparing for the Review | Available 8/4 on LunchAssist PRO

- ❑ Off-Site Assessment (OAT)
  - ❑ Overview of each section of the OAT
  - ❑ The LunchAssist OAT Answer Key
- ❑ Preparing Menu Documentation
- ❑ Planning for the Meal Observation
- ❑ Ace your Entrance Visit

### Session 3: Wrapping Up & Next Steps | Available 12/1 on LunchAssist PRO

- ❑ Filing Corrective Actions
- ❑ Staying "Audit Ready" in non-review years

# resources | no kid hungry



# resources | enrichment & water

- **usda** | summer activity guides
- **nutrition policy institute** | tap water safety when reopening buildings
- **nutrition policy institute** | effective access to drinking water in schools

## ¡SUPERA EL CALOR y mantente saludable en familia!

¿Estás buscando maneras de equilibrar tus calorías o quieres poner tu cuerpo en movimiento y divertirte? ¡Apaga todas las pantallas y levanta a tu familia del sofá con estos divertidos juegos que los niños disfrutarán!

### Juego de la esponja:

Se juega como el tradicional juego "Tú la Llevas". La persona que "la lleva" usa una esponja mojada para perseguir a los demás jugadores. La primera persona que toca con la esponja se convierte en la próxima que "la lleva". Moja la esponja en agua fría y limpia después de cada ronda. Juega este juego en el césped para asegurarte de que nadie se lastime.

### Una visita a la piscina:

¡Refrescate con una visita a la piscina local! Juega juegos clásicos como Marco Polo: la persona que es "Marco" cierra los ojos durante una cantidad determinada de segundos mientras los demás jugadores se dispersan en la piscina. "Marco" grita "¡Marco!" y los demás jugadores responden "¡Polo!" "Marco" nada en la piscina intentando tocar a los otros jugadores. La primera persona a la que logre tocar se convierte en "Marco". Supervisa a los niños en el agua todo el tiempo, asegúrate que los niños más pequeños se mantengan en el agua poco profunda y proporcione chalecos salvavidas para los nadadores con menos experiencia.



### Toma agua helada para mantenerte fresco mientras estás activo.

Una gran forma de superar el calor es tomar agua! Mantener tu agua fría y con gran sabor es tan fácil como hacer tus propios cubos de hielo. A continuación, te mostramos cómo hacerlos:

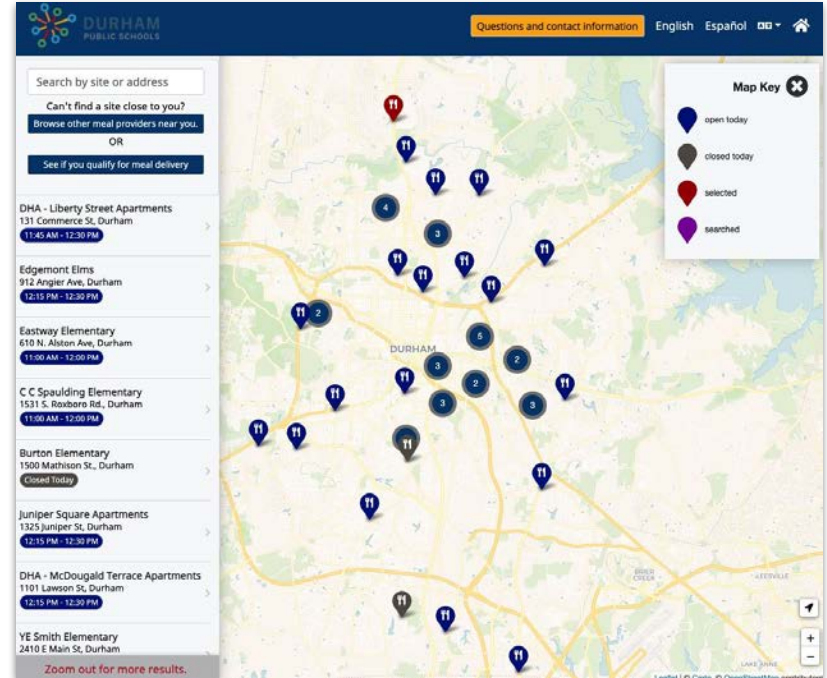
- Coloca fruta cortada o hierbas frescas en cada sección de una bandeja de hielo. La menta o cualquier tipo de fresa serán excelentes opciones.
- Cúbrelas con agua y guárdalas en el congelador hasta que se congelen.
- Coloca los cubos en tu agua, y cuando el hielo se derrita, ¡tendrás agua fresca y sabrosa!

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# resources | meals 4 families

- online database for families to find free meals this summer
- upload your district info!
- <https://meals4families.community>





# upcoming events

- **june 8, 9:30 am PT | national farm to school network**
  - driving sustainable F2S initiatives through the farm to school institute model
- **june 8, 10:30 am PT | food corps**
  - celebrating 75 years of the national school lunch program



# upcoming events

- **june 14-24 | edible schoolyard**
  - summer training at home
- **june 17, 12 pm PT | frac**
  - planning for next school year



**wrap up**



Virtual Gatherings

# School Food Innovators Series



# PLANT FORWARD

Culinary Trainings for  
School Food Staff





# California Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

A Procurement and  
Marketing Project  
in Partnership with  
School Food  
Distributors







## **Inspiration, Support, and Guidance**

We believe school nutrition programs should be able to put all of their attention on feeding our children well. With so many rules and regulations, that task has never been more difficult.

**The LunchAssist Community is here to help you succeed.**



**Step 1:** Check out our blog!

**Step 2:** Join the Community!

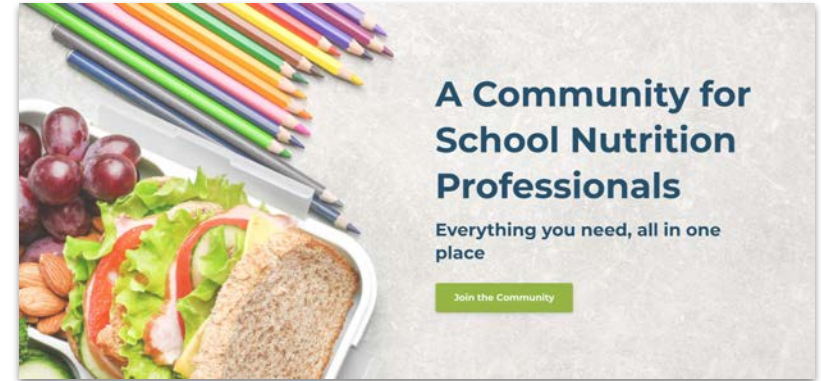
- Receive monthly newsletters with policy updates, resources, and webinar invites!

**Step 3:** Attend the LunchAssist Community Calls (and invite your friends)!

- Second Thursday of every month, starting 9/9

**Step 4:** Become a member of LunchAssist PRO!

**Step 5:** Join the LunchAssist AR Boot Camp!



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