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#### **President's Message** Tiffany McCleese, SNS, President, SNA of Obio



These past few months have certainly flown by... in that time, over 19 School Nutrition Professionals embarked on what was, for many, the annual journey to Washington D.C. to advocate for Child Nutrition programs. While there, we heard from several staff members of USDA and was addressed, via video, by Secretary Vilsack.

One of the items addressed by USDA was in regards to

what have been named "School Nutrition Assistance (SCA) Funds". These funds are meant to help schools navigate the increased challenges seen due to supply chain. They can be used to purchase unprocessed or minimally processed commodities for use in Child Nutrition programs. Since LAC, it's been communicated that \$1 billion dollars in SCA funds has been allocated to school districts across the nation. Of the \$1 billion allocated, over \$35,000,000 was allocated to Ohio for districts who participate in National School Lunch, School Breakfast and SSO breakfast or lunch during the 21/22 school year. These funds will certainly provide some much-needed relief as we plan for the upcoming school year.

As we look towards the future, I would like to recognize those in our industry who have helped us to navigate through this ever-evolving landscape. We truly are in this together and your continued support and partnership is appreciated more than words can say.

So much has been accomplished over the past two years but one thing has been constant through it all... We have and will continue to find creative ways through any road block. We truly are stronger together and together we will prevail over any challenge!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

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#### Legislative Action Conference 2022

The Legislative Action Conference (LAC) is a favorite event for many SNA of Ohio members. We get to enhance the efforts that SNA Lobbyists work on all year long. It is so exciting to have meaningful conversations with our Congressmen and Congresswomen about how our operations help our students and provide jobs in our communities.

We were able to travel to Washington, DC this year for an in-person conference! It was wonderful seeing everyone in person for the first time since 2020.

On March 8, 2022, our group of delegates had either in-person or Zoom meetings with our Congressional Representatives to discuss the SNA Position Paper, which included many pertinent topics that could have very beneficial impacts for our operations. A special Thank you to Sam Chin, Kelly Minnick and Maureen Pisanick for Zooming in for Congressional meetings from their offices in Ohio!

The topics we discussed with our Congressional Representatives include:

- 1) Extend pandemic-related child nutrition waivers through School Year (SY) 2022/23
- 2) Make the following permanent changes to Child Nutrition Programs:
  - Increase National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) reimbursements.
  - Ensure future nutrition standards are achievable and keep students eating and enjoying school meals.
  - Reduce regulatory and administrative burdens.

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#### Legislative Action Conference 2022 continued

#### Thank you to all of the following Ohioans who attended the 2022 LAC Conference!

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The arrival of Spring brings a fresh perspective of hope and new beginnings. As the school term of 21-22 ends, we can begin to focus on a fresh start as we plan for the 22-23 school year.

June will be here before we know it. The SNA of OH Annual Conference, *"Cutting Edge Tools for Success"* will be held in Columbus June 14-16. We are excited to announce the return of Jon Colby as our keynote presenter. He is always motivating! You will not want to miss the social event of the season. Join us Wednesday evening, June 15 at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens for drinks and dessert. Stroll through the abundant outdoor gardens that will be in bloom, explore over four hundred species of plants from around the world in the conservatory's biomes, take in the beauty James Turrell's Light Raiment II, or simply marvel at the glasswork of artist Dale Chihuly. This is a fantastic opportunity to catch up with old friends and build new relationships that will span a career.

August 1st marks the beginning of the new fiscal year for SNA of OH. The board has been working on enhancing membership benefits that fit the needs of today's industry partners. We are optimistic that we will get the cycle of planned events back on track with the Fall Expo in late September followed by the SNIC event in Spring and concluding with the Annual Conference in June.

We are extremely excited to share the news that the Fall EXPO will be held on **September 28<sup>th</sup>**, **2022**, and will be at a new location. The event will move to the **OHIO EVENT CENTER/CHERRY VALLEY LODGE** in Newark, OH. The facility was recently renovated and includes 31,000 sq. feet of exhibit space. Tracey and I visited the site and agree it is the perfect place to gather for the Fall Expo. The goal was to move out of the expensive Metro area and provide a more reasonably priced venue with better accessibility for vendors and attendees. You can check it out at: <u>https://www.cherryvalleyhotel.com/meetings-events/</u>. There is a restaurant/bar in the hotel and a new brewery onsite near the Expo Hall. The Newark area has lots of fun, new restaurants.

Based on positive feedback regarding the past 2 Expos, we are confident that the Fall Expo will be even bigger and better. Save the dates for September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Cross your fingers that there will be no new surges of the virus, that the labor and supply chain issues will be behind us, and we will be off to a great start of the year doing what we all do best, feeding children healthy, delicious, and nutritious meals. Hope SPRINGS eternal.

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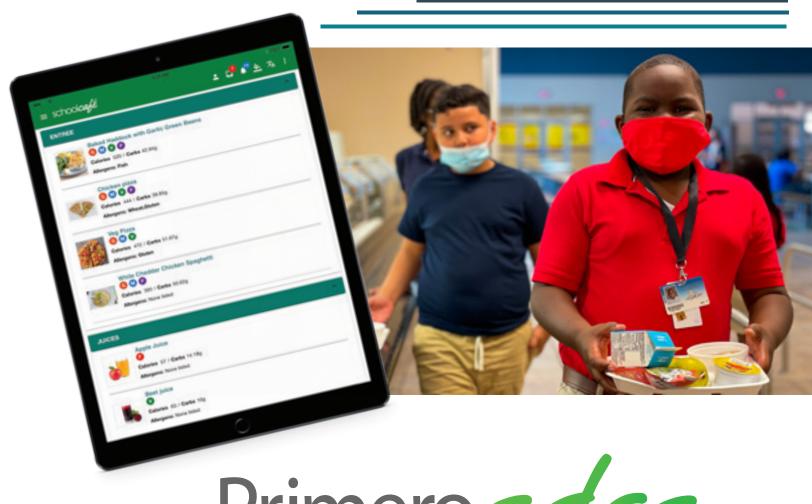
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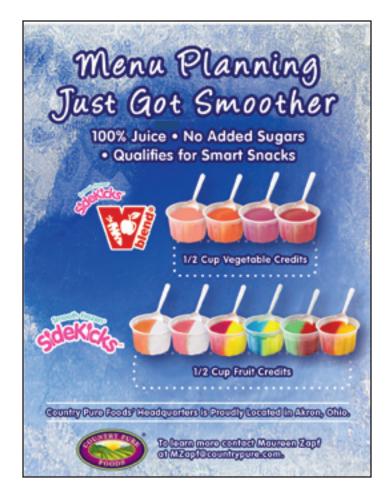
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