



SNAC Bites

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Welcome to the June 2018 issue of SNA Communication (SNAC) Bites! SNAC Bites highlights new SNA programs and provides content for your state association publications, chapter meetings, & social media. In some cases, the content will need to be customized for your state association's needs.

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1. 2018 Farm Bill Heads to Conference Committee

The Senate and House have both voted to send their versions of the 2018 Farm Bill to conference committee, where nine Senators and 47 House members will work to craft a compromise bill that can pass in both chambers. The committee could meet as early as late August as lawmakers work to meet the September 30th deadline when provisions of the current Farm Bill expire.

2. SNA Second Quarter State Legislative Report Available

The 2018 State Legislative Summary: Second Quarter Report is now available! This report provides a summary and status update for key school nutrition legislation at the state level. In the second quarter seven school nutrition bills were signed into law, and in total sixteen states saw movement on bills that impact school meals. You can download the report [here](#), and find past State Legislative Summaries and other state policy tools [here](#).

3. Start Getting Ready for National School Lunch Week!

#NSLW18 kicks off October 15 and with "[Lots 2 Love](#)" when it comes to your school lunch program, you want to be sure you share all the reasons that make your cafeteria a special place for students to visit and the benefits of healthy food choices. Download the [#NSLW18 Toolkit](#) for tips, resources, and more. Directors and managers will find the latest [Emporium catalog](#) in their August issue of the *SN Magazine*, featuring all the newest NSLW merchandise. [Order early](#) for the best selection!

4. Exciting New Content from Professional Development in the New Learning Center

Coming this fall, the SNA website is getting a facelift, and members will benefit! The New Learning Center will incorporate old fan favorites, such as our Webinars On-Demand, Ethics Module and the Food Allergy Resource Center. New content will feature what's sure to be new favorites like Culinary Skills training, the Financial Management Focus section, the Procurement Zone and more! More information will be coming soon!



5. FNS Administrator Brandon Lipps Meets with SNA Members at ANC

Acting Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture and Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service Brandon Lipps met with SNA members at a Listening Session held at ANC. The meeting focused on ways that USDA can help school nutrition programs provide nutritious meals that meet children's diverse tastes, how USDA can simplify programs while maintaining accountability, and how USDA can provide better customer service to state agencies and school food authorities.

6. Go Back to School with New Ethics Training

Start the school year off right! Take SNA's online, self-paced ethics training module. We often think that ethics and ethical behavior should be common sense, but we don't always have the correct reaction when faced with an ethical dilemma. Sometimes we are just not sure what to do. Take the module yourself or purchase one of the packages for multiple trainees. You can't go wrong with this critical and timely training. For more information visit SchoolNutrition.org/Ethics.

7. SNA Every Student Succeeds Act Resource

When the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) was signed into law, it created exciting new opportunities to bolster programs that contribute to student success, including school nutrition programs. Each state is required to submit a state plan to the U.S. Department of Education outlining accountability frameworks and indicators of success. SNA offers this [resource](#) with tips on how to advocate for school nutrition programs in your state's ESSA plan.

8. Food Allergy Resource Center

Find the food allergy resources you need in one location. Sponsored by the National Peanut Board, the Food Allergy Resource Center provides you with an Ask the Allergy Expert forum to send in your questions. Find multiple food allergy webinars to increase your knowledge or review the important CDC information provided. For more information visit SchoolNutrition.org/FoodAllergy.

9. We're Coming at you Live, with the Best of #ANC18 Webinar Wednesday Series

We can't wait to share what we have in store this webinar season. Starting in August we have selected 8 truly incredible, inspiring topics from education sessions held at #ANC18. We are saving you the airfare, so you can enjoy this content from the comfort of your own home or school!

Click on the links below to learn more about each webinar and the dates / times offered.

- ❖ [Best of #ANC18: Managing Unpaid Meal Charges](#)
- ❖ [Best of #ANC18: "No More Guessing Games- Using Data to get Exactly What You Need](#)
- ❖ [Best of #ANC18: Creative Recipes Using USDA Foods](#)

10. Call for 2019 SNA Elections Nominations



The 2019 SNA election nominations process is open! SNA needs members with strong leadership skills, outstanding professional achievements and a record of active participation in their state association and at SNA to lead the association in the future.

Please consider the leadership talent you see and work with in your state, your region or at the national level, and then [submit a nomination form](#) for one or more of the open positions or, submit your own name for nomination! The Call for Nominations and Recommendation form is also available on the SNA website at www.schoolnutrition.org/LeadershipOpp.