**STATE AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW SUMMARY**

Section 207 of the HHFKA amended section 22 of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1769c) to require State agencies to report the final results of the administrative review to the public in an accessible, easily understood manner in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Secretary. Regulations at 7 CFR 210.18(m) requires the State agency to post a summary of the most recent final administrative review results for each SFA on the State agency's publicly available website no later than 30 days after the SA provides the final results of the administrative review to the SFA. The SA must also make a copy of the final administrative review report available to the public upon request.

**School Food Authority Name:** **Hopedale Public Schools**

**Date(s) of Administrative Review:** 12/04/2024

**Date review results were provided to the School Food Authority:** 12/12/2024

**Date review summary was publicly posted:** 01/6/2025

The review summary must cover access and reimbursement (including eligibility and certification review results), an SFA's compliance with the meal patterns and the nutritional quality of school meals, the results of the review of the school nutrition environment (including food safety, local school wellness policy, and competitive foods), compliance related to civil rights, and general program participation. At a minimum, this would include the written notification of review findings provided to the SFAs Superintendent or equivalent as required at 7 CFR 210.18(i)(3).

**General Program Participation**

1. What Child Nutrition Programs does the School Food Authority participate in? (Select all that apply)

[x]  School Breakfast Program

[x]  National School Lunch Program

[ ]  Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

[ ]  Afterschool Snack

[ ]  Special Milk Program

[ ]  Seamless Summer Option

1. Does the School Food Authority operate under any Special Provisions? (Select all that apply)

[ ]  Community Eligibility Provision

[ ]  Special Provision 1

[ ]  Special Provision 2

[ ]  Special Provision 3

**Review Findings**

1. Were any findings identified during the review of this School Food Authority?

 [x]  Yes [ ]  No

If yes, please indicate the areas and what issues were identified in the table below.

**REVIEW FINDINGS**

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| Program Access and Reimbursement |
| Certification & Benefit Issuance |
| * Incorrect conversion factors were used when processing applications that indicated more than one income frequency.
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| Verification |
| * Households for whom benefits were to be reduced or terminated were not given 10 calendar days' written advance notice of the change.
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| Meal Patterns and Nutritional Quality |
| Offer versus Serve- Lunch Program |
| * Offer versus serve (OVS) is not properly being implemented at the school.
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| Dietary Specifications & Nutrition Analysis |
| * The School Food Authority does not maintain documentation to support dietary specifications are compliant. (Calories, Saturated Fat, Sodium and Trans Fat)
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| School Nutrition Environment |
| Food Safety |
| * A review of agricultural food components indicated violations of the Buy American provision (7 CFR 210.21(d)) either during review of products on-site at reviewed schools or at off-site storage facilities as applicable.
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| * There is limited documentation to determine if domestic alternatives were considered and if an exception was granted by the School Food Authority.
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| Local School Wellness Policy |
| * The local school wellness policy does not contain the required elements. The policy is missing policies for food and beverage marketing.
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| * The local school wellness policy does not contain the required elements. The wellness policy is missing nutrition guidance for some or all foods available on school campus.
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| * The local wellness policy did not indicate the availability of free potable water during meals. The WellSAT3.0 Assessment Tool and the Massachusetts School Wellness Coaching Program provide guidance to include the availability of free potable water during meals in the local wellness policy.
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| * The School Food Authority has not maintained documentation to support the policy has been reviewed and updated within the past three (3) years.
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| Smart Snacks |
| * Beverages do not meet requirements for the youngest age group.
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| Civil Rights |
| * The nondiscrimination statement posted on the School Food Authority's website is not in compliance with USDA criteria.
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| * The School Food Authority's district-wide civil rights policy does not include meal modification information.
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| ***Noteworthy Observations*** |
| The Review Team found the following noteworthy items: The staff were a pleasure to work with. The food looked great and the students really seem to enjoy the meals provided. |