

Notes from Tarrah Westercamp's Presentation:

USDA Proposed Rule on School Nutrition

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service is proposing updates to the school nutrition standards in a few key areas to give kids the right balance of nutrients for healthy and appealing meals. The proposed updates reflect the most recent [Dietary Guidelines](#), as required by law, and build in plenty of time for planning and implementation to ensure the school meals community and the kids they serve have the best chance for long-term success.

Find summary and highlights:

- [Brief Summary of Proposed Nutrition Standards](#)
- [Highlights of the Revisions](#)

Submit Comments on Your Own

USDA welcomes your feedback on the proposed standards, which they will use to inform the final standards. You can [submit comments](#) from Feb. 7, 2023 through April 10, 2023.

Omnibus Bill

The legislation establishes a new permanent, nationwide Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) grocery card program that will give the families of eligible children an extra \$40 per month, per child for food, helping make up for the school meals that kids miss during summer break. It also grants summer meal providers the flexibility to use non-congregate program models, such as grab-and-go meals, in some rural areas, making meals more accessible for many children. This will start this summer. The fiscal year 2023 omnibus spending bill also includes important annual funding for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other anti-hunger programs.