**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:** **Lowell Public Schools**

**Date(s) of Administrative Review:** 02/06/2023

**Date review results were provided to the School Food Authority:** 02/08/2023

**Date review summary was publicly posted:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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)

School Breakfast Program

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?

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 |
| Meal Counting and Claiming |
| * One or more meal service lines did not provide an accurate count of meals at the point of service (or approved alternate). |
| * There were questionable patterns in the reported lunch meal counts in the review period. |
| Meal Patterns and Nutritional Quality |
| Meal Components and Quantities |
| * One or more of the required meal components were not available on every reimbursable lunch meal service line to all participating students prior to the beginning of meal service.; One or more of the required meal components were not available on every reimbursable meal service line to all participating students during the lunch meal service. |
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| * There is no or limited signage explaining what constitutes a reimbursable breakfast to students for all applicable grade groups. |
| Offer versus Serve |
| * Offer versus serve (OVS) is not properly being implemented at the school. |
| School Nutrition Environment |
| Food Safety |
| * A review of agricultural food components indicated violations of the Buy American provision either during review of products on-site at reviewed schools or at off-site storage facilities as applicable.; There is limited documentation to determine if domestic alternatives were considered and if an exception was granted by the SFA. |
| * Both of the school's food safety inspections are not from the current school year.; The School Food Authority did not have documentation to indicate that the School Food Authority requested two (2) inspections in the current school year from the local board of health.; Two (2) food safety inspections were not received in the previous year. |
| * One or more storage violations were observed. The school did not ensure that the storage, preparation and service of food are maintained. |
| * Program facilities are not off-limits to unauthorized personnel.; There are not safeguards against theft and damage. |
| * The most recent food safety inspection is not publicly posted in a visible location. |
| * The school does not have a copy of the written food safety plan onsite. |
| * The SFA does not have a regular program of recharging and maintaining the fire extinguisher(s) in operation. |
| 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. |
| * The School Food Authority does not have documentation demonstrating the results of the assessment have been made available to the public. |
| * The School Food Authority has not maintained documentation to support the policy has been reviewed and updated within the past three years. |
| * The School Food Authority has not maintained meeting minutes that list who is on the wellness committee and/or content being discussed. |
| Smart Snacks |
| * Exempt leftover NSLP entrees are not only sold the same day, or the day after, they are initially offered. |
| * Foods/beverages sold to students in Vending Machines do not meet Smart Snacks standards. |
| * The school holds fundraisers during the school day where students may purchase food or beverages that are not Smart Snacks compliant. |
| Civil Rights |
| * The School Food Authority does not communicate the availability of meal modifications to families. |
| * The School Food Authority does not have a procedure for receiving and processing complaints alleging civil rights discrimination within FNS school meal programs. |
| * The School Food Authority does not have or has not maintained a civil rights complaint log to track any written or verbal complaints alleging discrimination in FNS Programs. |
| * 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: Helpful and attentive food service and management staff; well-rounded menus, clean and organized facilities, great customer service. |