**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:** **Dedham Public Schools**

**Date(s) of Administrative Review:** 03/18/2024

**Date review results were provided to the School Food Authority:** 03/21/2024

**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 |
| Afterschool Snack Program |
| * During the initial 4-week operational monitoring visit, deficiencies were noted and not documented as corrective actions necessitating follow-up. |
| Meal Patterns and Nutritional Quality |
| Meal Components & Quantities- Lunch Program |
| * Meal signage posted was not adequate to meet the needs of all children. |
| * Production records do not clearly indicate which items and in what quantities were made available at each school during the daily lunch meal service. |
| Offer versus Serve- Lunch Program |
| * Offer versus serve (OVS) is not properly being implemented at the school. |
| * There was no signage or signage missing requirements explaining what constitutes a reimbursable meal to students for NSLP. |
| 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; There is limited documentation to determine if domestic alternatives were considered and if an exception was granted by the School Food Authority. |
| * Dry, cooler and/or freezer storage facilities are not adequate for the program. |
| * One or more storage violations were observed. The school did not ensure that the storage, preparation and service of food are maintained. |
| * 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. |
| 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 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. |
| * 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 does not have documentation on file demonstrating an assessment of the local school wellness policy is conducted every three (3) years. |
| * The School Food Authority has not maintained documentation to support the policy has been reviewed and updated within the past three (3) years. |
| * The School Food Authority has not maintained meeting minutes that list who is on the wellness committee and/or content being discussed. |
| Civil Rights |
| * The School Food Authority's district-wide civil rights policy does not include meal modification information. |
| * The School Food Authority's written civil rights complaint procedure within the school meals program does not include some or all of the required content. |

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| ***Noteworthy Observations*** |
| The Review Team found the following noteworthy items: Staff are very knowledgeable and passionate about the school lunch and breakfast programs. |