**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:** **Easton Public Schools**

**Date(s) of Administrative Review:** 03/13/2024

**Date review results were provided to the School Food Authority:** 03/14/2024

**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)

[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 |
| * Household notification of denied benefits did not meet FNS requirements.
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| * Not all direct certifications (SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, foster, homeless, runaway, migrant, Head Start, Even Start) were correctly certified.
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| * Some households were not notified of student's eligibility according to regulations.
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| * The following certification and benefit issuance errors were noted:- Applications were not signed by the determining official.- Confirming official signed prior to the determining official.- There was a 6-month gap in-between when the application was received to when it was signed by a determining/confirming official.- Eligibility determinations were not noted on the application.
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| * The School Food Authority did not update the benefit issuance document(s) accurately and/or in a timely manner, including those students that are new, transferred, or withdrawn.
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| Verification |
| * Applications chosen for verification were not verified correctly.
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| * The verification notification letter is missing some or all of the required information.
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| Meal Patterns and Nutritional Quality |
| Meal Components & Quantities- Lunch Program |
| * Some of the reviewed lunch meals during the review period indicated that all of the required meal components per weekly meal pattern requirements were not offered and served to students.
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| 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 or at off-site storage facilities as applicable.
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| * No one in the kitchen is food allergen certified.
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| * No one in the kitchen is trained in choke saving procedures.
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| * One or more storage violations were observed. The school did not ensure that the storage, preparation and service of food are maintained.
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| * The most recent food safety inspection is not publicly posted in a visible location.
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| * 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.
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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 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 does not have documentation demonstrating the results of the assessment have been made available to the public.
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| * 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.
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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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| * The School Food Authority has not maintained meeting minutes that list who is on the wellness committee and/or content being discussed.
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| Civil Rights |
| * Some or all staff who interact with program applications or participants and/or their supervisors have not received civil rights training.
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| * 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 did not publish a public release as required.
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| * The School Food Authority does not communicate the availability of meal modifications to families.
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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: District was open to feedback and worked with all involved to understand what needs to be done to make future enhancements to the program. |