

## Federal School Lunch Reauthorization and Updates

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### Updates

- Federal Child Nutrition Reauthorization
- Hiring Standards for School Food Service Directors
- Procurement
- Unpaid Meal Charges



## BLOCK GRANTS: Putting School Meals on the Chopping Block



## Child Nutrition Reauthorization Timeline



### Spring 2015

- ✓ House Educ. and the Workforce Committee & Senate Agriculture Committee held hearings on CNR

### September 2015

- ✓ Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 due for reauthorization
- ✓ Child nutrition programs continue to operate

### January 2016

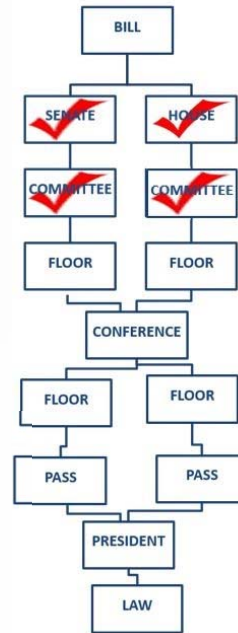
- ✓ Senate Agriculture Committee passes its CNR bill

### May 2016

- ✓ House Education Committee passes H.R. 5003 which includes a three state block grant provision

## The Road Ahead

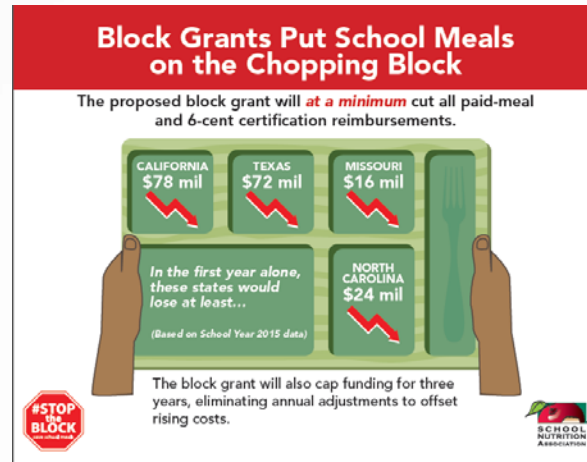
- Schedule Floor time for a vote on both bills



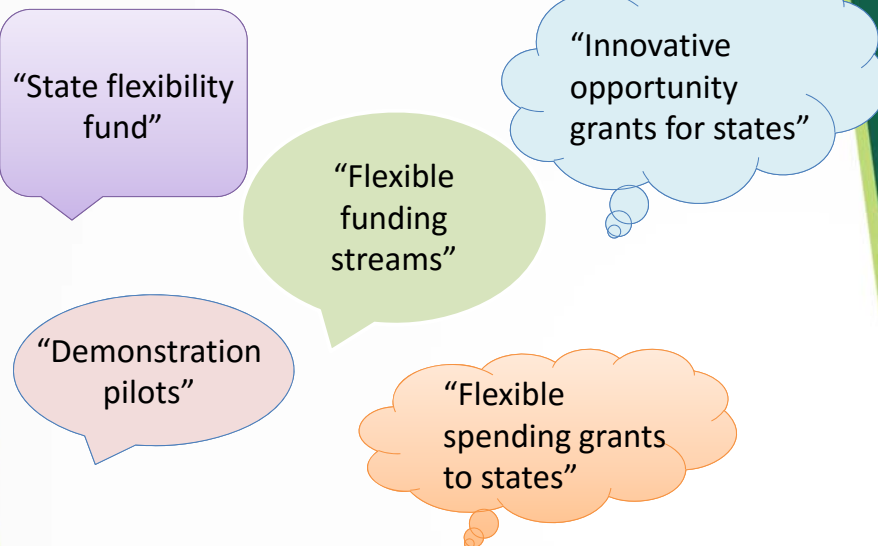
## Block Grants Could....

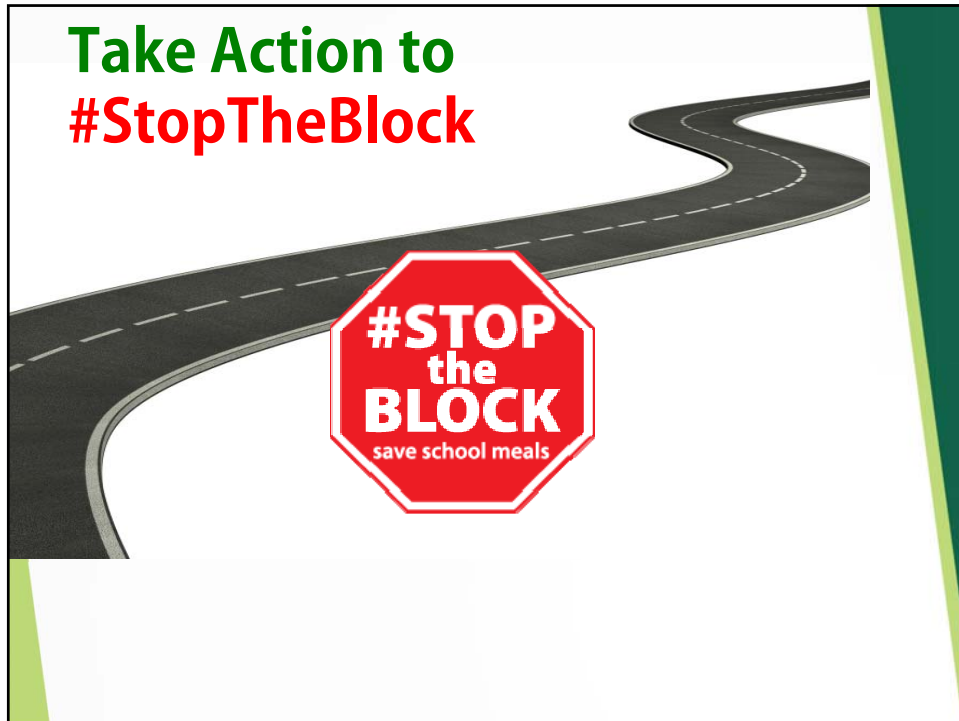
- Reduce Funding
- Alter Entitlement Status
- Decrease Meals Served
- Change Eligibility Determination
- Change Program Oversight
- Halt Progress on Nutrition Standards

## Potential Impact of Block Grants



## Block Grants, also known as:





Stop the Block

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**Stop the Block**

Congress is considering a school meal block grant proposal. Block grants would out funds for school meal programs and abolish federal nutrition standards and meal eligibility mandates. **Children in need could lose access to free or reduced price school meals under this proposal.**

SNA is urging members to ask Congress to oppose school meal block grants. **Below are three ways to take action and details on how SNA is fighting to #STOPtheBLOCK.**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT BLOCK GRANTS**

- Fact Sheet
- FAQs
- Talking Points
- Sample Tweets/Posts

- Visit [SchoolNutrition.org/TakeAction](http://SchoolNutrition.org/TakeAction) to send an Action Alert email to your Members of Congress in opposition to block grants.
- Call your **Senators and Representatives**. Click [here](#) and scroll down to "Look Up Your Legislators." Enter your zip code to find links to their contact information and Twitter handles. For sample script to use in communicating with Members of Congress, click [here](#).
- Spread the word through **social media**. Click [here](#) for sample tweets and posts.

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## **What YOU Can Do To Help:**

- Check the SNA website for regular updates.
- Enlist the support of your coworkers to send Action Alerts.
- Reach out to your House and Senate members and share your opposition.

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

**ONE YEAR LATER**

**HIRING STANDARDS**

## Definitions

- School nutrition program director – individuals responsible for day-to-day management of operations of school nutrition programs for all participating schools in an SFA
- School nutrition program manager - individuals responsible for day-to-day management of operations of school nutrition programs for a participating school(s)
- School nutrition program staff – those without managerial duties who are involved in routine operations (i.e. process transactions at POS, process applications, prepare and serve meals)



## Job Description Templates


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**Job Description Template for CNP Director/Supervisor/Administrator**  
 Research-based job description template, including the general function and scope of responsibilities as described in the 14 functional areas for the District School Nutrition Director/Supervisor position.  
 Effective July 1, 2015, school nutrition professionals should meet the Professional Standards called for in the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010. For additional information on the qualifications of the Professional Standards visit this USDA website: [Professional Standards for School Nutrition Professionals](#)  
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 This page from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service offers links to the Final Rule and to additional information to help school nutrition professionals meet the Professional Standards set out in the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010.  
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## Hiring Standards for New Directors

- Current directors are grandfathered in
- Exempt from standards if candidate meets requirements in place prior to July 1, 2015
  - Vacancy had to be advertised prior to July 1, 2015
  - May fill a new director position for the same LEA enrollment category or smaller without having to meet hiring standards for new director
  - Must meet hiring standard for the larger LEA enrollment category when applying for a director position within that enrollment category
- Based on the size of LEA:
  - 2,499 or fewer students
  - 2,500 – 9,999 students
  - 10,000 or more students

## District Hiring Standards:

### 2,499 or fewer s students

- **For districts with fewer than 500 students:**  
State Agency has the discretion to approve hiring of a director that has a high school diploma but less than 3 years of experience
- MDE will be handling this situation on a case-by-case basis
  - Contact Linda Stull, Consultant  
[StullL@Michigan.gov](mailto:StullL@Michigan.gov)  
517-241-3884



## **Hiring Records- What will MDE Need to See?**

**For Directors hired on or after July 1, 2015  
*ONLY***

- Documentation that supports the highest level of education achieved
- Documentation that demonstrates the actual years of relevant experience

**PROCUREMENT**

## Procurement

- Required to be reviewed by MDE staff
- Covers all paid for out of the non-profit school food service account
  - Including staff, custodial, food, supplies, equipment, other services
- Must follow proper procurement procedure, even if the service is free
  - Group Purchasing Organizations

## Michigan's USDA Foods Consortia

- Michigan has 3 purchasing consortia (GLC, MOR, SPARC)
- MDE will review purchasing at the consortia level
- MDE will review purchases outside of the consortia
- Current requirement: review on a 3-year cycle

## **Procurement – What You Can Do Now**

- Written Procurement Procedures
- Written Standards of Conduct
- Documentation for all procurement activities
- MDE Administrative Policy #11 SY 2015/2016
- Procurement Article

## **UNPAID MEAL CHARGES**

## Unpaid Meal Charges

- MDE Admin Policy #6 Bad Debt & FAQs SY 2016/2017
  - Negative student balances must be written off the POS system and food service fund by June 30th every year
  - Can be tracked and collected by business office after June 30th
  - Written policy required by July 1, 2017
- USDA Memo SP 46-2016s Meal Charging
  - Written policy required by July 1, 2017
- Requires a collaborative effort

## What Questions Do You Have?



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