



#LAC22 is now history. Seven (7) Child Nutrition Directors and two (2) Industry Representatives attended the Legislative Action Conference sponsored by the School Nutrition Association March 6 – 8, 2022 in Washington DC. This conference afforded us the opportunity to receive information, to share stories and collaborate effectively with federal policy makers. The agenda/schedule was action packed with speakers, panels and presentations.

On Tuesday, March 8 of the Conference, eight (8) of us representing Arkansas visited our 6 Congressional Offices on Capitol Hill, Senator Boozman, Senator Cotton, Representatives Westerman, Crawford, Womack and Hill. The 2022 Position Paper was discussed and other issues facing the Child Nutrition Programs.

- We urgently needed Congress and USDA to support these issues:
- Extend pandemic-related child nutrition waivers through school year 2022/23. Increase National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program reimbursements.
- Expand National School Lunch and School Breakfast to offer healthy meals to all students at no charge to support academic achievement.
- Ensure future nutrition standards are achievable and keep students eating and enjoying school meals.
- Reduce regulatory and administrative burdens.

Please see the attached 2022 Infographic and 2022 Position Paper for additional information.

There were approximately 650+ attendees from across the country at the Conference. Your representatives were: Tammie Works - President, Cynthia Gammons - President-Elect, Alicia Landry – Associate Professor, UCA, Stephanie Walker-Hynes, CND – Little Rock Public Schools, Leigh Christian, CND – Fort Smith Public Schools, Martha McEntire – Supervisor/Child Nutrition - Fort Smith Public Schools, Hannah Balle – K – 12 Specialist - Affinity Sales and Barbara Cole, Chair – Public Policy and Legislation Committee.

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