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School nutrition pros: Students accruing debt again



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School nutrition professionals report they are working to adjust after the loss of federal waivers allowing them to serve universal, free meals, with some noting the unfortunate return of student meal debt.

"School meals, first and foremost, are critical," said School Nutrition Association President Lori Adkins.

"I'd like to see that importance expand and catch fire across our country." **Full Story:** [Business Insider](#)

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SCHOOL UPDATE

Officials tout universal school meals in Maine

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack visited Gorham Middle School in Maine Tuesday to celebrate the state's move to provide universal school meals. Gov. Janet Mills said the program is approved for this year's budget, and it is likely the Legislature will maintain funding in subsequent years. **Full Story:** [WMTW-TV \(Auburn, Maine\)](#) (10/12), [Portland Press Herald \(Maine\)](#) (tiered subscription model) (10/11)



Alternatives to meal data measuring student poverty

If states and school districts adopt universal meal programs, they will need to determine a new way to track data on student poverty, speakers said at a recent webinar by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, and the Food Research & Action Center. Speakers suggested using direct certification -- which identifies students on Medicaid and other programs -- state income tax data and information from the US Census. **Full Story:** [K-12 Dive](#) (10/11)



NUTRITION & WELLNESS

RD: Fall fruits, vegetables offer variety, good nutrition

In this two-part video, registered dietitian Jeannie Sykes offers an overview of the nutrition benefits of many fall fruits and vegetables, including pumpkins, grapes, apples, pears, squash, figs and cranberries, and ways to prepare them. Sykes recommends using less sugar when making fall pies and cobblers, which may enhance the flavor, and gives several easy, quick recipes for soup and one for homemade applesauce with no added sugar or water. **Full Story:** [WFMY-TV \(Greensboro, N.C.\)](#) (10/10), [WFMY-TV \(Greensboro, N.C.\)](#) (10/10)



TRENDS & RESEARCH

HHS: COVID-19 vaccines reduced deaths, hospitalizations



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An HHS analysis of county-level vaccination data and Medicare claims found that the government's COVID-19 vaccination campaign prevented more than 300,000 deaths and 650,000 hospitalizations among Medicare beneficiaries in 2021. The reductions saved \$16 billion in direct spending on medical care, according to the report. **Full Story:** [Becker's Hospital Review](#) (10/10)



■ Study evaluates celiac disease in asymptomatic children

[Medscape](#) (free registration) (10/10)

LEADERSHIP

3 tips to lead from a place of love

Show love for your employees by getting to know them, looking after their overall well-being and trusting them to do their jobs, says Denise Lee Yohn in this [video](#). "That means establishing targets and providing training, coaching, and role-modeling -- and then getting out of the way," Yohn says. **Full Story:** [SmartBrief/Leadership](#) (10/11)



■ How to create a collaborative, flexible culture

[Betterworks](#) (10/10)

SNA debuts new supply chain video



As the school year continues, school nutrition teams are working diligently to ensure that students' favorite, nutritious menu items are made available to sustain a learning-enriched school day. However, obstacles such as persistent supply chain disruptions and labor shortages are proving to be a challenge. SNA's newest animated video, available in both English and Spanish, explains the realities of supply chain issues and labor shortages in easy-to-understand language. Share these videos on district websites, on social media channels and in digital communications.

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