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Administrative Review Summary

Section 207 of the HHKFA 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) require 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. It is the policy of the Vermont State Agency to provide each SFA with review findings at the exit conference.

School Food Authority Name: The Compass School

Self-operated ☒

Food Service Management Company Contract ☐

Date(s) of Administrative Review: 10/25/21 – 10/28/21

Date review summary was publicly posted:

General Program Participation

1. What Child Nutrition Programs does the School Food Authority operate?

School Breakfast Program ☒

National School Lunch Program ☒

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program ☐

Afterschool Snack ☐

Special Milk Program ☐

Seamless Summer Option ☒

2. Does the School Food Authority operate under any Special Provisions? *(These provisions are an alternative to household applications for free and reduced price meals in high poverty areas.)*

Community Eligibility Provision ☐

Special Provision 1 ☐

Special Provision 2 ☐

Special Provision 3 ☐

N/A ☒

Review Findings

3. Were any findings identified during the review of this SFA? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, indicate the areas and what issues were identified in the findings review below.

REVIEW FINDINGS

A. Meal Access and Reimbursement

1. **Certification and Benefit Issuance** – Validation of the SFA certification of students' eligibility for free or reduced-price meals

YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

2. **Verification** – Validation of the process used by the SFA to confirm selected students' eligibility for free and reduced-price meals

YES ☒ NO ☐

Finding Detail: The Verification Report for the 2020-21 school year was not submitted by the required due date.

3. **Meal Counting and Claiming** – Validation of the SFA meal counting and claiming system that accurately counts, records, consolidates, and reports the number of reimbursable meals claimed by category

YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

B. Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality

1. **Meal Components and Quantities** – Validation that meals claimed for reimbursement contain the required meal components / food components and quantities

YES ☒ NO ☐

Finding Detail:

Production records were incomplete and did not indicate the required amounts of each component that must be served in order to ensure reimbursable meals are being prepared for service. Two breakfasts were served that did not include the required fruit component. 2% Milk was offered.

2. **Offer versus Serve (OVS)** – Validation of SFA compliance with provision that allows students to decline some of the food components offered

YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

3. **Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis** – Validation that meals offered to children through the school meal programs are consistent with federal standards
YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

C. General Program Compliance

1. **Civil Rights** – Validation of SFA compliance with civil rights requirements as applicable to the Child Nutrition Programs

YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

2. **SFA On-site Monitoring** – Validation that each SFA with more than one school operating the NSLP performs required onsite reviews as specified by regulations
YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

3. **Local School Wellness Policy and School Meal Environment**– Documentation of compliance with the established Local School Wellness Policy
YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

4. **Smart Snacks in School** – Validation of the SFA compliance with regulations for all food and beverages to students outside of the reimbursable meal
YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

5. **Professional Standards** – Validation of the SFA compliance with required hiring standards and annual training requirements
YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

6. **Water** – Documentation that children have access to water during the lunch and breakfast meal services
YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

7. **Food Safety and Storage** – Validation that schools meet food safety and storage requirements

YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

8. **Buy American** – Documentation that schools comply with Buy American provision and policy specified by regulation

YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

9. **Reporting and Recordkeeping** – Evidence that reports are submitted and maintained with other program records as required

YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

10. **School Breakfast Program and Summer Food Service Program Outreach** – Validation that SFA informs families of the availability of breakfasts offered under the School Breakfast Program and meals offered through the Summer Food Service Program

YES ☐ NO ☒

Finding Detail:

D. Other Federal Program Reviews

1. **The NSLP Afterschool Snack Service** – Documentation that nutritionally-balanced snacks are served, appropriate educational or enrichment activities are provided and counting, and claiming is accurate.

YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A ☒

Finding Detail:

2. **Seamless Summer Option** – Evidence that the SFA adheres to the same meal service rules and claiming procedures used during the regular school year

YES ☐ NO ☒ N/A ☐

Finding Detail:

3. **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** – Validation that participating schools increase children's exposure to and consumption of a variety of fruits and vegetables and operate the program as prescribed

YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A ☒

Finding Detail:

4. **Special Milk Program** – Documentation that the SFA is operating the program in compliance with regulatory requirements and in accordance with the State Agency approved agreement

YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A ☒

Finding Detail:

E. Resource Management

- 1. Resource Management** – Validation that SFA ensures the overall financial health of the school food service including non-profit food service account, paid lunch equity, revenue from non-program foods and indirect costs

YES ☒ NO ☐

Finding Detail: Nonprogram adult breakfast and lunch prices are too low and must be increased.