



## **Statement from the School Nutrition Association**

The School Nutrition Association shares USDA's goal of ensuring that the 31.8 million children who participate in the National School Lunch Program daily have access to nutritious meals. Child Nutrition Directors and staff are working tirelessly to create menus and meals that meet and exceed the nutrition standards all the while having kid appeal and are a great value for parents.

We support the undertaking of incorporating scientific recommendations, made by the Institute of Medicine and nutrition experts, with the standards for school meals. This action brings the standards up to date and in line with the nation's Dietary Guidelines for Americans through increasing the variety and quantity of fruits and vegetables and offering more whole grains, providing healthy meals to all children.