

Policy 4321.1: Standards for School Nutrition

Comment Log

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<u>Action</u>	<u>Type</u>
N: No Response	- Negative
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Date	Individual/Organization	Comments	Action/ Type	Rationale
		§ 126-86-1. General.		
2017-06-19 07:21:04	Jessica Walden MU Dietetics Student/Homeroom Mother/Mother/Citizen Ona WV	Make West Virginia a LEADER in the area of Nutrition Education and offerings in the school system that promote HEALTH AND BRIGHT FUTURES!	A/+	Response 1: This required no change in the policy.
2017-06-19 08:31:24	Megan Govindan Director - Didactic Program in Dietetics, Teaching West Virginia University Morgantow WV	I do not feel we can afford to tack on to guidelines that could be lowered or scrapped at any time. It is not only undermining our efforts to create a healthy environment in our schools, it can also create an administrative nightmare for our schools who are trying to follow ever changing rules. A big concern about the Smart Snack beverage guidelines is that it allows for caffeinated beverages in high schools (previously, caffeine	NA/-	Response 2: WV maintains compliance with USDA meal pattern regulations. School meal standards are not lowered by the revision of this policy.

		was prohibited). This leaves the door open for things like Monster Low Carb, Red Bull Sugar Free, Rock Star Sugar Free, Rock Star Zero Carb, Java Monster, etc. which are inherently dangerous. I personally was very specific in my stance against this. Not to mention this allowance will attract coffee vendors wanting to place coffee bars in the high schools. Smart Snacks also allow for non-nutritive sweeteners in beverages in high school. This is controversial to some people of course, but the previous policy did not allow them. Report from AHA on the latest study on energy drinks: Energy drinks harm BP and heart rate: http://www.clubindustry.com/studies/energy-drinks-could-harm-blood-pressure-and-heart-rate-aha-study-finds The bottom line is that this new policy aims for the bare minimum. This is very disheartening for many of us trying to create a culture of health in our school environments. We have a crisis of poor health in our state, and we should be holding our standards high, not settling for mediocre. I feel it is my job and our opportunity as healthcare providers to create a culture of health in our schools, the place where our	A/- A/-	Response 3: The following language has been reinserted: “Caffeine is prohibited from being sold, served, or distributed in West Virginia public schools.” WV will adhere to USDA Smart Snacks guidelines, with the exception of caffeine. Response 14: Language has been reinserted that prohibits the sale, service, or distribution of any foods containing non-nutritive/artificial sweeteners.

		children spend a MAJORITY of their time. We know that the outside environment does not always support healthy lifestyles in many of our communities. Why is it a problem to hold nutrition standards to a higher level in the school environment?		
2017-06-20 11:57:58	Leatha Williams Director of Technology, Assess., Food Service Braxton County Schools Sutton WV	A general comment not related to this section, but the list of stakeholders included in the policy repeal and replacement is that all regions of the state were not equally represented in the stakeholders group...according to the list in attendance. For example, on the list the Country Roads Co-op does not seem to have a representative. 3.2 and 3.5 3.2 ...Beverages...will be determined and defined by the USDA Smart Snack guidelines...add these as an appendices. This policy should act as informational guidance and the information simply is not included in this section. A direct link, additional clarification or an appendices on this should be included. 3.5 the policy states...USDA milk containing vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration. I believe a link to this information should be included or it should be	N/o	

		added as an appendices for review. This policy should include all the information that a parent, student, community member, superintendent, child nutrition director needs to ensure that expectations are met. It is not enough to reference these levels...		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	We new menu students like	N/o	
2017-06-26 06:35:08	Jane Wagner Retired teacher School volunteer Charles Town Wv	wV needs to keep or raise current nutrition standards, not relax them. Ive seen changes over recent years not only in whats on plates, but in habits and level of knowledge on the vital importance of good nutrition for health now and form developing healthy habits for life. Schools are place to learn, not just 3 Rs, but also new habits. That takes time and effort. Keep WV standards high and continue educating our food service workers and other staff, kids, Families and communities - leading by example.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 07:23:05	Leslie Stone Owner Stone Strategies Charleston WV	Children need access to fresh fruits and vegetables. They also need to be involved in local food production- gardening and preparing foods so that there is an early understanding of where foods come from and the risks of processed foods.	A/+	See Response 2

		Investment in locally grown foods increases local wealth, supports the local economy improves the nutritional health of our children and strengthens families by encouraging family meal prep and eating together. This type of investment in families and communities rather than mass produced, chemically-laden foods is the right thing for WV children and improving our economy.		
2017-06-26 07:23:46	nancy karavolos coordinator of nutrition brooke county schools Wellsburg wv	I have been a food service director in the school system for 26 years- I have been involved in many changes throughout those years. The past three to four years children taste have change- they are drinking more water- they are eating vegetables and fruits- as long as we teach them at a young age.	A/+	See Response 2
2017-06-26 07:57:40	Christopher Pennington Oak Hill WV	I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.	NA/-	See Response 2

2017-06-26 08:42:12	Sam Zizzi Morgantown WV	I am a parent in Monongalia County. WV has taken excellent measures to ensure food quality in schools, and it is having an impact. I have been impressed to see many more fresh foods at my daughters school (Mountainview Elementary). I am strongly OPPOSED to us moving a step backward and tying our standards to federal standards, which are likely to be lowered or reversed. I urge you not to adopt this proposed measure. Sam Zizzi 151 Wagner Road	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 08:55:15	Julia Spelsberg Mayor City of Weston Weston WV	I have been involved on the municipal level with creating healthy physical activities for children by creating playgrounds. I have also been involved with the TRY THIS whose goal is to get children eating healthy again. It is important that we continue these efforts because it is having an effect. Our Hospital found that a majority of people surveyed felt that obesity was our number one health concern in Lewis County. Providing nutritional and healthy food is imperative.	NA/o	See Response 2
2017-06-26 09:48:58	Laura Walker Prog Asst II Marshall University Huntington WV	I am a WV native and state employee of higher education at Marshall University. I have two children in public school in the city of Huntington, in Cabell County, WV, one of the cities chosen by Jamie Oliver for national public school food reform, Jamies Food Revolution. I	NA/-	See Response 2

2017-06-26 10:58:38	Susan Sims Program Coordinator Charleston WV	No chocolate milk No juice No soda Lots of non starchy vegetables	N/-	
2017-06-26 10:59:30	Helen Post-Brown Owner/Director Sunbeam ELc Fairmont WV	Keep our standards. Protect our children in WV. do not go backwards. Keep our higher school standards.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 11:56:16	Mystik Miller AmeriCorps volunteer Greenbrier County Health Alliance Lewisburg WV	We should set the WV standard to the USDA minimum policy as it was on June 20, 2017. Our standard should be at that level or above, and never below. We should not lower the standard if the USDA lowers the federal standard.	NA/-	Response 4: The Office of Child Nutrition cannot determine such actions until the federal Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act is enacted by Congress.
2017-06-26 11:58:43	Sarah Umberger Retired teacher Lewisburg WV	Before I retired in 2009, I had lunch duty daily, and breakfast duty pretty regularly. I was always dismayed by meals that were almost solely various shades of tan, reheated from prepackaged frozen boxes or ladled out of cans. I watched kids lining up to gets seconds of white salted foods, and then followed them up to the playground where many many of them struggled to walk a mile around the track. I was thrilled when common sense nutritional	NA/-	See Response 2

		standards were instituted, with bright and healthier foods. I loved reading the statistics of the lowering of the obesity rate of students in our state. Please don't go backwards on this. Please keep the high standards currently in place. Nutritionally, it is our responsibility to model what is most healthy for so many kids who go home to pop and chips and suffer the deficiencies from eating unhealthy foods. What we teach kids extends so far outside the classroom, and our ability to demonstrate the benefits of good nutritional standards is vital to moving forward.		
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 13:03:53	Ashly Bargman Mrs. Meadow Bridge West	We do not need to compromise the health of our children they need Healthy locally Grown Wholesome foods	N/o	
2017-06-26 14:20:55	J. Coffman	I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. I am a parent and I VERY MUCH	NA/-	See Response 2

		care about the quality of the food served to my children at school. Many childrens palattes are still formative during these years and if we can engage the children in good eating habits we can engage parents and further the cycle of of healthy eating and healthy habits. PLEASE< PLEASE< PLEASE, know that there are many other parents like me in WV that care very deeply about the food at WV schools!!!! Please do NOT allow our standards to be lower		
2017-06-26 14:31:45	Emily Vasile Morgantown WV	I strongly support adopting WV standards that are in agreement with the Dietary Guidelines, which are published every five years and reflect best practices in nutrition science. I am proud of the high standards WV currently employs and do not want to see standards lowered. I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 14:39:32	Vicki Angotti Bridgeport WV	Working within the medical field, as a parent & a community action member I will make a general	NA/-	See Response 2

		statement. In our state with so many strikes against us on a good day, please do not lower any standards for our young people. We will all have to pay the price in dollars, health care issues, behavioral issue, and habits down the road. We are just now making some headway to help these children & families make better choices which benefit us all. Don negate that with temporary cost savings.		
2017-06-26 22:19:01	Stephanie Cotterill Charles Town WV	I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 22:34:50	Beverly Stern Teacher Ruthlawn Elementary School South Charleston WV	We have been working with our WVU Extension Office for the past 6 years to develop a school garden. When our school was audited by OEPA, we received 9 distinguished ratings. This was in part from our students eating what they grow for snacks and in our after school Junior Master Gardener program. First Grade students are given points for fruits and vegetables from the school salad bar as well as during snack time. A healthy eating ribbon is awarded for students who score the most points for eating and trying new foods. Our afterschool JMG program also tracks snack points. Students volunteer to bring non-processed	NA/-	See Response 2

		snacks throughout the year and are awarded a healthy eating certificate at the end of the year. We are moving in the right direction in improving nutrition for our schools and families. Please keep our high standards.		
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	As an RN and grandparent, I know that healthy food consumption is so important to overall health. My grandson eats very healthily at home, and needs to have quality foods at school which mirror his habits there. It is critical that children be exposed to a healthy diet and top standards. We do not want to go backwards!	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 23:02:45	Carole Ann MSW Wheeling WV	Children need healthy and nutritious food choices to enrich their bodies. We are what we eat and food is equivalent to mood. We need to provide food that nourishes the body; positive thoughts that enrich the mind; and wisdom that feeds the soul.	N/o	
2017-06-27 08:54:21	Kathryn Moffett Professor of Pediatrics WVU Morgantown WV	Keep lunches the same or even BETTER quality nutrition, do not go back to previous menus!!	N/+	
2017-06-27 12:02:14	Mary Alice Shepherd Milnes N/A N/A	I am very concerned about any lowering of the school food standards. My granddaughter will be starting kindergarten in Morgantown this August and I believe good nutrition is essential for	NA/+	See Response 2

	Elkins WV	learning. West Virginia has lowered the obesity rate for young school children. We must keep up this good work. Thank you.		
2017-06-29 19:40:03	Eve Bostic Private Citizen Spencer WV	I understand there is consideration for lowering school food standards. The point of public schools is to teach students what they do not learn at home. Good nutrition and appreciation of nutritious food seems to be something children are not learning at home, so for the sake of the health of our citizens, I find it important that school lunches continue to offer as much nutrient dense food as possible, especially fresh fruit and vegetables.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-30 09:30:21	Cate Weber Youth Services Director Vienna Public Library Vienna WV	Please do not lower West Virginias school food standards. Our state cannot afford for our childhood obesity numbers to start rising again. the children of west Virginia deserve more than the federal minimum. We need to give them the best possible nutrition so they are able to live healthy lives.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-30 16:42:25	Jamie Jeffrey, MD, FAAP Medical Director, CAMC HealthyKids Wellness & Weight Management Charleston WV We	Generally, WV children deserve strong nutrition policies for health, wellness, food safety and academic performance. The implementation of Policy 4321.1 adopted in 2014 was a tough one, but we have been through the toughest part...SO WHY GO BACKWARD NOW? Why in the world would we want "minimal" nutrition	N/-	

		standards for our children especially when WV leads the nation in obesity and diabetes? I refuse to believe that it is because WVDE has to deal with "cupcake bills". News Alert-it is easy to buy a commercially packaged cupcake to meet the current nutrition standards. We must keep the health, safety and wellness of our children the priority for this nutrition policy.		
2017-06-30 22:28:11	Jo Perez Retired School Psychologist Alderson WV	I have worked in 2 states and the food in the WV schools was by far better than what I found on the plate in Virginia. Please keep the home baked whole wheat bread, salads and fresh veggies coming!	N/+	
2017-07-01 10:35:44	Stephanie Bostic, PhD Nutritionist Binghamton NY	As a graduate of public schools in West Virginia, who has gone on to study and work in nutrition, I have been proud to see the progress the state has been in improving school food. I recently finished my PhD in Community Nutrition, am entering a program to complete my Registered Dietitian credential, and determining the next stage of my career, including location. The poor health status of too many in the state was the impetus that began my career, over a decade ago.	N/o	
2017-07-02 12:33:02	Eloise Hollen Retired RD and Certified Diabetes Educator Philippi WV	Keep our school food and beverages standards linked to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans that are reviewed every 5 years with revisions based on the best available research. We do not	NA/-	See Response 2

		want to attach ourselves to lower standards policies, particularly whenever they can be politically motivated and not necessarily in the best interest of our children. We would be giving up our decision making power to protect our children if we blindly follow lowered standards.		
2017-07-04 06:44:32	Jim Plitt Wardensville wv	Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US	N/o	
2017-07-07 15:05:05	Jessica Dianellos Coordinator KEYS 4 HealthyKids Charleston WV	Why would we want to reduce our nutrition policy to meet only minimal standards when our current policy 4321.1 adopted in 2014 has been nationally recognized for exceeding minimal standards? WV already has a childhood obesity epidemic and we need to continue implementing strong nutrition policies for health, food safety and academic success of our students.	N/-	
2017-07-14 13:40:36	Laura Dice parent St Albans WV	WV is a leader in the nation for something negative yet again- obesity and chronic disease including debilitating and life shortening diabetes. Nutrition policies in schools have the power to have huge effects on reducing this for our young population. Lets strengthen standards instead of reducing them. "Local" control is an excuse to justify reducing standards for our kids. Our WV kids need the best possible nutrition standards.	N/-	
2017-07-16 01:03:07	Kelli Caseman Director, Child Health	My general concern is the weakening for nutrition standards when WV leads the nation in	NA/-	See Response 2

	West Virginians for Affordable Health Care Charleston WV	obesity and other poor health disparities, and federal funding for such vital programs like SNAP and WIC are facing proposed cuts. More kids will be relying on school breakfasts and lunches for their meals. Weve traditionally set the bar high in WV with our school nutrition guidelines. While I completely understand the reasoning for occasional parties with sweets, we e setting ourselves up for systemic weakening of meals that are the main staple of nutrition for thousands and thousands of children.		
2017-07-16 09:33:14	Noble Harper Mr. WILLIAMSON West	West Virginias obesity rate is too high to lower standards.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	overall, when 4321.1 was first adopted, it put WV in the spotlight as a leader in standards for school nutrition and is an outstanding example of what could and should be done. Any revision that puts WV back to a minimal standard does not serve the children of WV, esp. in light of our high obesity rates and all the health issues that come with that. The health, safety and welfare of WV kids is the top priority in any policy change.	NA/-	See Response 2
		' 126-86-2. Purpose.		
2017-06-23 11:51:48	Hollie Best Child Nutrition Director Wood County Schools Parkersbug WV	In the last sentence of this section it should read "The purpose of this policy" not "document". A policy is being created by the WVDE.	A/o	Response 5: The word “document” has been changed to “policy.”

2017-06-26 06:25:07	Melissa Basden Ms Morgantown WV	I strongly believe we should have more standards and guidance regarding what our kids are served in the schools cafeterias, not less. Have you seen the data? School lunches on WV are getting more nutritious. If you lower standards, or worse yet, give up control of managing standards and guidance for our state, less attention and care will be given to what our kids eat in school. If you are going to mess with the guidelines, why not put in language that advises that meal portions should be served in amounts more related to the childrens age. Id like to see more value placed on eating food grown locally. The school garden programs are fantastic. Do you know about them?	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 06:31:53	sarah kendall school psychologist kes charleston wv	Its no time to take backward steps! If we can drop our child obesity rate, West Virginia truly does have a chance of getting off the top of the worst health lists. Lets work with the schools on this. Relevant facts: Between 2012 and 2017, the obesity rate of WV second-graders dropped from 24.5 to 20.6 percent according to WVUs CARDIAC program. Thats huge in the world of statistics. Looks like we e on a roll! Much credit goes to a big improvement in school food during that time: far less processed food for kids, much more nutritious meals. Info you need: If the proposal is adopted, as		

		written: “ West Virginias school food standards would be joined in lockstep to the federal minimum standards. In other words, if the federal standards drop, West Virginias standards would automatically have to drop too. “ Two years ago, this would not have been a problem. But since January, the federal USDA has made it clear that they intend to lower federal school food standards on a variety of fronts. “ West Virginia is considered a national leader in school food standards. If the proposal is approved as it is, West Virginia standards will automatically drop any time Washington lowers a standard. We will no longer have control of our own school lunch policy. “ You can find a more detailed discussion here. One School Board member said he wasn’t sure if West Virginians care about the quality of school food. “We never hear from any who do,” he said. Let them hear from you. Comment by going to this link: http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/onlinecomment.html?id=4321.1. Use your own words. Let them know if you e a parent or grandparent, Here are possible talking points to consider: “ I am proud of the national recognition West		

		Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered. “ If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered. “ Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school. “ I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children. “ There are two other important ways West	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 Response 6: Language has been inserted that will allow for the Office of Child Nutrition to review

		Virginias school food standards should stay higher than federal minimum standards: Caffeine should not be sold or distributed in West Virginia high schools. And we need reasonable, safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and drink that can be served at school celebrations. In those two cases, leave our standards as they are.	A/-	any federal changes to child nutrition programs and identify areas or opportunities for state discretion to maintain or strengthen standards. See Response 3
2017-06-26 06:57:51	S. Thomas Bond Dr. Jane Lew WV	In a state with so many poor, school meals have an important educational effect. The only real meals many of th3 children get is at school. In many of these families, the practice I to buy cheap foodstuffs and let the children when and how much they eat. It is no wonder they become over weight, because they eat mostly fat and sugar. Lowering meal standards is a disservice to individuals and to society which must take care of them.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 07:04:35	Katherine Cauley Member Delta Sigma Theta	I care about the health standards of WV youth. I am so happy that the State saw a dramatic decrease in childhood obesity. Some children get	NA/-	See Response 2

	Sorority, Inc. Huntington WV	their only meals at school, a fulfilling meal is very important for this exact reason. Please do not lower WV health standards on school lunches.		
2017-06-26 07:47:21	Linda Bunce Mrs. Raleigh County School System Cool Ridge WV	Do not align our WV standards with the Federal standards. WV has gotten acclaim for high standards and for actually lowering the childhood obesity rate, a kind of miracle. We rank so poorly in most measurements for health, for so many reasons. Those meals are the main source of nutrition for many of our kids, so they need to be the right kind of calories. As a teacher of very young children, our classroom spends the year basically, talking about healthy habits, including trying new food, eating a variety of food, learning to cook, learning where food comes from. We learn how to listen to our body, and take care of it. Children who have never seen a particular vegetable or fruit will taste it and often enjoy something new when offered in a setting of exploration and support. Then these children develop a lifelong improvement in their relationship to food. At school, the first year of improved standards, the lunch count went down a bit, older children complained, maybe because their parents did. But now everyone is used to a menu that is less processed, more whole grains, more variety of vegetables. The lunch count is better than ever.	NA/-	See Response 2

		The cooks are becoming more skilled at preparing food from scratch. And adults can feel better about eating lunch at school too, that it can be a healthy choice. The next step would be to find more local sources of food, to provide even better nutrition as well as income for local growers. Please leave the school food standards alone, and let the schools continue in this mode of improving health and health habits. If you want to do something helpful, increase mandatory recess time.		
2017-06-26 07:49:04	Nelle Chilton Charleston WV	It is very important to continue to improve the nutritional value of food in the school. We are making progress because of increased awareness of the importance of simple good food in the schools. WV must no longer lead the nation in negative health statistics. Healthy habits are formed young and last a lifetime. Tying our school nutrition standards to a national standard will weaken the efforts of local school champions and administrators who care about the health of our children and state.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 07:57:50	s. kendall charleston wv	please keep the healthy nutrition standards in our schools. They are already showing improvement in the health and weight of our kids.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 08:28:16	Ellen Ingles Fayette Fair Share FAYETTEVILLE WV	It is outrageous to drop the standard for school lunches. From 1987- 2010 the school lunches were so terrible I packed my children's lunches. Now that progress is being made in reducing	NA/-	See Response 2

		obesity in our schools you want to drop the current standards? Stop following Trump blindly & get your heads out of the sand.		
17-06-26 08:40:31	Judy E. Hamilton Judy E. Hamilton, Attorney at Law & Mediator Charleston WV	Although my child is now in college, I know she benefited from West Virginia having high standards in its school food program. Good nutrition is part of why she is an outstanding student at West Virginia University as a National Merit Scholar and Eberly Scholar. I have three nephews and a niece in West Virginia schools and I care about their health and the health of their classmates. Â· I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered. Â· If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered. Â· Since 2008, West Virginias school food	NA/-	See Response 2

		standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school. Â· I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children. Â· There are two other important ways West Virginias school food standards should stay higher than federal minimum standards: Caffeine should not be sold or distributed in West Virginia high schools. And we need reasonable, safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and drink that can be served at school celebrations. In those two cases, leave our standards as they are. Finally, in addition to high nutrition standards, I recommend that policies be implemented that	A/- A/-	See Response 6 See Response 3

		encourage positivity in other areas of childrens lives. West Virginia is once again rated as the unhappiest state in the nation. Making good food choices makes a child feel better - a positive - and better able to learn - another positive! Thank you for all your hard work.		
2017-06-26 08:58:52	Kimberly Meigh Assistant Professor West Virginia University Morgantown WV	Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school. Please do NOT turn back the progress weve made!!	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 09:02:51	Cindy Fitch Associate Dean WVU Extension Morgantown WV	West Virginias school food standards have been a point of pride for the last few years. It is an area in which we go first and the standards are working! Kids have healthier food and that healthier food and increased physical activity has resulted in a lower obesity rate. Thats a huge success! Please maintain our Child Nutrition Program standards as they are as of June 20, 2017 or better and don lower them just because they federal standards are lowered. Our kids deserve the best we can give them.	NA/- NA/-	See Response 2 See Response 4
2017-06-26 09:06:31	Brooke Towner Coaching and Teaching	Between 2012 and 2017, the obesity rate of WV second-graders dropped from 24.5 to 20.6	NA/+	See Response 2

	Studies Graduate Assistant West Virginia University Morgantown WV	percent according to WVUs CARDIAC program. Thats huge in the world of statistics. Much credit goes to a big improvement in school food during that time: far less processed food for kids, much more nutritious meals. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.		
2017-06-26 09:20:13	Kristen Ross Charleston WV	I travel often and the first thing I notice is how the people in other places are not obese and as u healthy as the people back home in WV. Eating habits are learned as a child, and for most children, the only positive daily nutritious meals they receive are from school. If we want healthy WV adults, we must have healthy WV children.	N/+	
2017-06-26 09:44:11	Kathleen Martin Pediatrician Robert C. Byrd Clinic Lewisburg West	I am a pediatrician serving a number of rural counties in southern West Virginia. Daily, I see first hand the effect poor food and exercise choices make on my patients. Many West Virginian families live in poverty and have limited access to healthy foods at home. In addition, the traditional West Virginian diet is highly processed and full of sugar. Public school has been a place for children to get food that they may not receive at home. In the past several years I have seen the quality of food go up. Children are eating vegetables and fruits every day! This		

		has made a significant impact on our childhood obesity rate. Why do I think this is important? A well nourished child does better in school. The literature supports this regardless of what some politicians may say. Children who do better in school achieve more. Don we want future West Virginians to be successful? Obesity is easier to address in a growing child than in an adult set in his or her ways. Obesity related illnesses like type 2 diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, kidney disease, etc. can be avoided or delayed. This will save West Virginian tax payers money. I can imagine this isn a desirable outcome. Please do not let our standards be lowered. We can afford to go backward. Ive had the privilege to work with Dr. Bill Neal prior to his retirement on the CARDIAC project. He and the team have gathered a great deal of data in regards to children, obesity, and obesity related heart disease. Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. Its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. One of the biggest changes that occurred during that time period was the change in public school food standards. This is		

		no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school. Please don allow West Virginia to fall behind once again. Please consider nutrition an important preventative health measure.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 09:44:34	Robb Major Parent Charleston WV	Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school. If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 09:48:21	Lori Swadley MARTINSBURG WV	I heard from another mom that you are considering dropping the recent improvements to	NA/-	See Response 2

		the school food standards that have helped to finally make a difference in our states obesity rate the last several years. I hope this is not true, as it is literally the ONLY thing we can brag about our state. If we go back to incorporating federal minimums, we all know the USDA is about to lower federal minimums again and we will never get out of being at the bottom of all the health lists in the country. I know many people are more concerned about obesity, which I agree is a problem, but the food that we put in our childrens bodies does so much more than affect what we LOOK like. It affects their behavior, how they feel throughout the day, their attention spans, and their brain development. In a state that is struggling in so many ways, and always comes in near the bottom of the most embarrassing lists, shouldn we be doing all we can to help our children become a much better version of what we became? My family is lucky now that we are able to afford to pack lunches if needed with healthy, nutritious foods. However, just a few years ago, we were struggling and needed WIC to be able to buy milk. I wouldn have been able to afford to pack nutritious lunches everyday at that time. The poor children, especially, need these higher standards of nutrition, so they have a better chance of breaking that cycle of poverty. Please, don take away that chance for them!		

2017-06-26 09:48:58	Laura Walker Prog Asst II Marshall University Huntington WV	Between 2012 and 2017, the obesity rate of WV second-graders dropped from 24.5 to 20.6 percent according to WVUs CARDIAC program. Much credit goes to a big improvement in school food standards during that time: far less processed food for kids, much more nutritious meals. If we can get a grip on child obesity now, we can solve many financial problems later, including high insurance premiums for poor general adult health and mounting health care costs later in life. Please do not let our standards be lowered!	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 09:56:00	Sheila Kay Bennett Teacher Lewis County Board of Education Weston West	As a teacher, I see children/students on a daily basis that the only healthy meals they consume are the ones they receive from the school. I believe our food/drink standards need to be stricter and not leaning toward leniency. More fruits & vegetables and healthy snacks need to be promoted through special programs and vouchers that introduce information to parents and guardians. I am the Wellness Coordinator at our school and I am more than willing to engage/help in anything that promotes a more healthy lifestyle.	NA/+	See Response 2
2017-06-26 10:43:29	Ann Cline Concord University Adjunct Faculty Beckley West	I am writing to let you know that since we retired here from Chicago in 2011 I have been in WV schools as a university supervisor of student teachers. I have been able to observe the high quality of school lunches, better than I saw in	NA/o	See Response 2

		Chicago Public Schools. I can also see that students rely on this food for their nutrition. Please keep the standards high and don't follow tendencies in Washington to diminish nutrition in the name of "freedom".		
2017-06-26 10:44:00	Tenley Shewmake Secretary Lewisburg Farmer's Market Renick WV	I would not like WV to degrade our school food standards by linking them to Federal standards. Since January, the federal USDA has made it clear that they intend to lower federal school food standards. I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered. Because of our current high standards we have reduced childhood obesity, this improves health and reduces financial costs. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are important to the quality of life in our state.	NA/-	Response 2
2017-06-26 10:44:39	Sara Anderson Professor WVU Morgantown WV	West Virginia child nutrition policy will be the USDA minimum policy as it existed on June 20, 2017. After that date, if the USDA lowers a minimum standard, West Virginia standards will remain at the June 20, 2017 level unless the Office of Child Nutrition and WVDE Nutrition Advisory Council decide	NA/-	See Response 4

		working-class 4 West Virginia and also the next generation of parents. If these children are not taught about healthy eating now they will not know how to feed their children healthily when they have them. This is extremely important 2 West Virginia families. We need our children to be healthy and educated so that we can have a positive future in the fine state of West Virginia. It completely baffles me that people would even consider dropping the standard of our Foods served in our Public Schools when West Virginia is so high on the list of General unhealthiness. The proof of the success of a higher standard of food seems obvious in the drop of her childhood obesity rate. Also foods with dyes have been proven to cause symptoms that mimic ADD and ADHD in children and medications for these illnesses are being given out like crazy when in many cases proper nutrition would completely eradicate the problem. Nutrition is medicine prevention of illness. This is grade school science here not rocket science. Everyone knows that you are what you eat and if you eat garbage then your body reflects that and so does your mind. It is completely unacceptable 4 West Virginia to lower the standards for nutrition in their schools.		
2017-06-26 10:58:27	Bob Hoffa Renick WV	Healthy food= healthy minds and bodies= smarter kids= smarter adults	N/0	
2017-06-26	Susan Sims	Do not take a step back in school nutrition.	NA/-	

10:58:38	Program Coordinator Charleston WV			See Response 2
2017-06-26 11:06:54	Pam Kasey Morgantown WV	Please don't let standards drop for our school food programs. I've seen the many negative immediate and long-term emotional and physical effects of childhood obesity. The state will see benefits forever from the progress we've made so far in reducing childhood obesity. The quality of food in schools is an irresponsible place to cut corners -- please keep control of these standards within the state.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 11:12:38	Juliette Oldaker Buckhannon WV	Do not lower the standards of the food program in our schools. By lowering them you will be going backwards, children need proper nutrition to have well functioning brains and body. They are the future let's not fill them with sub-standard processed food. This state is in a very poor health as is let's not continue this downfall let's change it with the future of our children and proper nutrition in our schools. I urge you not to revert back to the "federal standards" for school lunch program.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 11:14:43	Betty Barrett Huntington WV	I support West Virginia's improving standards for school meals. They are making a difference now, and continuing will help us see more improvement. I am proud that Cabell County has been a leader. When my children were in school, there were lots of hotdogs and pizza, fewer	NA/-	See Response 2

		healthy foods. My grandchildren are seeing - and eating - healthier meals. It has been a huge benefit to add free breakfast for all students. Please know that there are many of us who approve of the higher standards and want to keep them.		
2017-06-26 11:22:29	Michael McLeod White Hall WV	Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 11:22:35	Robert Johnson Lay Pastor Richwood Presbyterian Church Richwood WV	I have traditionally supported increased nutritional standards for school system feeding programs. Having become a member of Healthy Bodies: Healthy Spirits subgroup of Try This West Virginia, I am even more aware of the link between nutrition and chronic disease. I have also worked with KEYS 4 HEALTHY KIDS and am convinced that a high-sugar diet is a key factor in the onset of childhood obesity and Type II (older-adult onset) diabetes in pre-teen children. Although not a medical practitioner, I have been trained in chronic-disease management at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. The links between low-quality diet and disease is	NA/-	See Response 2

		abundantly clear. Please maintain current school-food standards and keep our nationally-laudable, independent standards as high as possible. The future of West Virginia children depends upon high nutrition standards.		
017-06-26 11:23:07	Amber Garcia Morgantown WV	Dear Ms. Harrison, I am writing to encourage you to not lower the West Virginia food standards just because the federal standards have been lowered. Our standards have gotten national recognition and have had a positive effect on our students. The obesity rate of second graders has gone down by almost 20% since 2011 and every year our school food improves! This is something that we as West Virginians can be proud of! Please put in language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review all lowering of standards and then decide if it is in the best interest of West Virginians. These are our children and the future of West Virginia. We are hurting their present and future quality of life if we do not give them a healthy start. They will not be as productive as they could be as adults if they do not get a healthy start now. I am sure you have heard the saying, "You are what you eat." Well, we need good, quality food for our kids to eat so they can be healthy. Our kids deserve this. As obesity and diabetes rates soar, how can we lower our food standards and then look them in the eye and say	NA/-	See Response 2

		we are doing all we can to give them a good life? How can we honestly tell them we are taking good care of them if we lower the food standards? I also feel that caffeine needs to stay out of all schools, high schools included, and we need safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and drink that can be served at school celebrations. What our kids eat now will affect how they grow and it will also carry over to what and how they decide to eat as adults and seniors. As a society, a bad diet in childhood can be costly in terms of future healthcare and senior care. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Please do not lower the food standards. Health is an ongoing, priceless gift that we can give our kids. If we lower the food standards we will be condemning them to obesity, diabetes, and even cancer. Please do not lower the food standards so we can truly rejoice in how our children can become the best that they can be. Sincerely, Amber Garcia	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-26 11:35:34	Barbara Steinke Charleston WV	I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West	A/-	See Response 6

		Virginia children.		
2017-06-26 11:44:01	Ruth Baker Retired Elementary Counselor Beckley WV	I strongly support the current WV food standards for child nutrition. As a retired elementary counselor, parent and now grandparent, I saw students adapt and begin to enjoy healthier foods at school in the last few years. Given our high childhood obesity rate I see no reason to lower our current standards, simply because the USDA is lowering theirs. Exceeding Federal standards puts us in the forefront for really caring for our children. Caffeine and sugar sodas should not be sold in our schools. The move to fresh foods has been an excellent step toward healthier lifestyles fr our youth and families.	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 3
2017-06-26 11:57:10	Carol Morgan Youth Health Educator WVU Extension Service Wheeling WV	Please, please, please do not oll back or lesson the nutritional standards for West Virginia youth, regardless of what those in Washington, D.C. deem to be acceptable. We must continue our efforts to educate and to demonstrate what healthy eating is to our children, or surely the horrendous statistics for West Virginians who are overweight and obese will only increase from what they are now. If we truly care about our children and our states future, we will not ease the nutritional standards that have been set in place.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 11:58:52	Elizabeth Wheeler Ms. Shepherdstown WV	West Virginias child obesity rates must be reduced in order to get our state off the worst incidence of diet related disease and morbidity,	NA/-	See Response 2

		and the sky high health costs associated with obesity. We owe our children nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards to reduce child obesity. Since 2008, we have made progress with better school lunch standards. Please do not let our standards be lowered		
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 12:27:04	Colleen Harshbarger owner Wellbeing Solutions Morgantown West	Its imperative that we do not lower the standards for school nutrition. We e finally doing something good in WV for our kids and have seen a marked drop in childhood obesity over the past 5 years. Kids rely on school for food - lets put a priority on keeping high quality, healthy food in and junk food out.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 14:12:21	Angela Carver Morgantown West	WV standards should remain as USDA minimum policy as it existed onÂ June 20, 2017. If the USDA lowers their standards WV standards should remain as is.	NA/-	See Response 4
2017-06-26 14:53:32	Sara Wilts Bruceton Mills WV	I am very concerned about obesity in children and encouraged by the progress that our state nutrition standards have made in decreasing the incidence of this problem. Learning healthy eating habits is paramount for a healthy life for each of us. Don let us go backward by going along with federal standards which may be less healthy than	NA/-	See Response 2

		WV standards.		
2017-06-26 15:47:10	Ruth Baker Retired Elementary Counselor Beckley WV	I strongly support the current WV food standards for child nutrition. As a retired elementary counselor, parent and now grandparent, I saw students adapt and begin to enjoy healthier foods at school in the last few years. Given our high childhood obesity rate I see no reason to lower our current standards, simply because the USDA is lowering theirs. Exceeding Federal standards puts us in the forefront for really caring for our children. Caffeine and sugar sodas should not be sold in our schools. The move to fresh foods has been an excellent step toward healthier lifestyles fr our youth and families.	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 3
2017-06-26 17:28:43	Emily Galeota Family Nurse Practitioner Milan Puskar Health Right Morgantown WV	As a nurse practitioner, I see that West Virginia is struggling with obesity on a daily basis. It is important to keep our top notch school lunches to help decrease childhood obesity. We want to get off of the nations worst lists and, more than anything, we want to see West Virginians living healthy, productive lives! This can start with nutritious school lunches.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 20:19:58	Kari Harsh Dr. Henderson WV	Our state standards should not be tied directly to federal standards; rather, we should be free to review federal changes and apply only what most benefits WV students. The decreasing rate of childhood obesity in the state should be a continuing trend as we provide kids with healthy school meals. Farm-to-school programs should	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 6

		also be promoted and allowed to flourish statewide.		
2017-06-26 21:03:14	Jessica Shayan Lewisburg WV	As a person that struggles with obesity, I am a strong supporter of good nutrition guidelines to be followed in school. I think its important to keep soda and caffeine out of our schools. We have so many farm to market options in our beautiful state that we should use those more and keep our existing nutritional guidelines. Don tie them to the federal government minimum, lets be better than that. As a WV tax payer, I believe the money I contribute to schools is important and hope it goes towards good programs such as better nutrition.	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 3
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	To maintain our move towards healthy nutritious foods for our young people, and NOT to return to the previous low standards. We are proud of the move that WV has made, and we do not want to go backwards!	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-27 00:45:43	Mandy Hall-Sanchez Teaching Assistant Professor WVU Morgantown WV	I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.	A/-	See Response 6
2017-06-27	V Caudill	Obesity rates among WV children are decreasing		

01:01:07	Dunbar WV	largely due to healthier foods served at school. Please, for the sake of future WV adults, preserve the quality of school lunches. This has both a short- and long-term benefit and will save millions in health care dollars down the road, as well as benefitting our child now. Thank you.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-27 01:27:03	V Caudill Dunbar WV	Obesity rates among WV children are decreasing largely due to healthier foods served at school. Please, for the sake of future WV adults, preserve the quality of school lunches. This has both a short- and long-term benefit and will save millions in health care dollars down the road, as well as benefitting our child now. Thank you.	NA/-	Duplicate Comment
2017-06-27 01:27:31	V Caudill Dunbar WV	Obesity rates among WV children are decreasing largely due to healthier foods served at school. Please, for the sake of future WV adults, preserve the quality of school lunches. This has both a short- and long-term benefit and will save millions in health care dollars down the road, as well as benefitting our child now. Thank you.	NA/-	Duplicate Comment
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2017-06-27 01:28:01	V Caudill Dunbar WV	Obesity rates among WV children are decreasing largely due to healthier foods served at school.	NA/-	Duplicate Comment

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2017-06-27 06:58:18	Sandra Frank Davis Wv	I am so proud of wvs work on healthy school lunches. Please don cede our state control by tying our kids food to rules the Feds make. Keep our power over our own kids food and keep it healthy.	NA/-	See Response 2

2017-06-27 08:17:42	Michele Vidulich Physician Assistant - certified West Virginia University Medicine Children's Morgantown WV	I am concerned with any changes that could lower nutrition standards in West Virginia. I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered. Â· If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered. Â· Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school. Â· I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 3

		Virginia children. Â· There are two other important ways West Virginias school food standards should stay higher than federal minimum standards: Caffeine should not be sold or distributed in West Virginia high schools. And we need reasonable, safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and drink that can be served at school celebrations. In those two cases, leave our standards as they are.		
2017-06-27 08:38:05	Jamie Hand Franklin WV	I am a graduate of Pendleton County High School with a deep concern for the health of my fellow Pendleton County residents. Since 2008, WVs school fund standards have continuously improved, and so has the school food. Its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Im proud of the national recognition WV has received for our school fund program, and Im concerned about child obesity in our state -- please don allow our standards to be lowered. I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 6

2017-06-27 10:38:59	Meghan Clarksburg WV	I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. I think states should ALWAYS act in the best interest of their own citizens individualized needs. While I don necessarily oppose the federal standards, I do oppose the lowered standards when it comes to WV -- a place where the health of our citizens, especially our young ones, is such a concern. Give us the chance to pull ourselves off the bottom of the rankings in childhood obesity. Please insert language into this bill that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 6
2017-06-27 10:44:09	Crystal Dalton Morgantown WV	I am a concerned parent of a child that will be entering kindergarten in the fall and I am also a pediatric nurse practitioner. I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am very concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered. We have made great strides in childhood obesity rates over the last several years, and a change in our school food program will undo all of the progress that we have made. Many of the children in our state do not have access to healthy foods at home	NA/-	See Response 2

		and school meals are the only source of nutrition that they receive. This is one reason why school meals are so important. Everyday I see the detrimental effects that childhood obesity has on the children in our state. This sets them up for multiple health problems as adults. I believe that lowering our school meal standards will have a huge impact on these children. If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.		
2017-06-27 12:34:11	Bert Coffman Fairmont WV	I encourage you to keep WV's school food standards high. Please do not tie them to federal standards, but continue building on success in lowering childhood obesity.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-27 13:21:26	Myrna Fox Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I am writing to advocate for maintaining WV school food standards as they are, or possibly raising them if needed. I object to any action that would tie WV standards to USDA rules, especially since theirs may be lowered. Tying our standards to the federal would take our States school lunch policy out of our hands, never a good thing, and lowering our standards would be harmful to our children. Good nutrition is good for the brain, and children	NA/-	See Response 2

		are mostly using their brains in school. It also helps maintain a healthy weight, which contributes to overall good health. Maybe in the longer term, it could result in a lowering in the obesity rates for the general population. Learning goes along with the eating. Since WV is considered a national leader in school food standards, why would we want to jeopardize that reputation? Please don't do anything to lower school food standards that have shown good results such as the decrease in obesity in second graders from 2012-2017. Thank you.		
2017-06-27 14:00:23	Kristin McCartney Registered Dietitian WVU Extension Charleston WV	School nutrition is an area where West Virginia has been seen as a leader in holding to strong standards to promote better health in a state where we are ranked in the top 10 on almost every health issue. We NEED strong standards to crawl out of this hole of poor health we are in. I vote that we maintain the existing nutrition policy that has been in place. Any efforts to lower standards are a death sentence for our children and our state.	NA/-	Response 2
2017-06-27 15:20:34	Bethany Nielson Assistant Director of Network and Member Relations	Please do not allow the school lunch standards drop in WV. I work at Facing Hunger Food Bank and see so many children who heavily rely on the nutrition that they receive at school. These	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 6

	Facing Hunger Food Bank Huntington WV	children cannot have that vital nutrition lowered. I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children. Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school nutrition continues to improve. This is no time to lower our standards. Many of the children in our state need more nutrition than what is provided in our schools today. We cannot lower our standards.		
2017-06-27 15:54:59	Kelly Jo Drey Fayetteville WV	I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered. If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity.	NA/- A/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 6 See Response 3

		Please do not let our standards be lowered. Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school. I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children. There are two other important ways West Virginias school food standards should stay higher than federal minimum standards: Caffeine should not be sold or distributed in West Virginia high schools. And we need reasonable, safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and drink that can be served at school celebrations. In those two cases, leave our standards as they are.		

		Thanks for reading my comments. I am a community and economic development professional in my community, and the success of our public education system - including keeping the children healthy with nutritious food - is, in my opinion, one of the most important issues for helping WV communities thrive.		
2017-06-27 19:03:10	Timothy Lefeber Pediatrician Morgantown WV	Mrs. Harrison: My name is Tim Lefeber and I am a pediatrician in West Virginia. I work in Morgantown and serve a diverse socioeconomic population of children. I can honestly say that the most significant risk to children in our clinic and across the state is obesity. Children will have body mass index numbers that are above the 95th percentile and have a difficult time bringing their weight back to a safe level. Once they reach a certain weight at a certain age, there is much less we can do to prevent them from increased risks of Type II Diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and other significant health problems connected to obesity. West Virginia children should be kept at the current level (as of June 20, 2017) or HIGHER standards than the USDA for school lunch for several important reasons. Positive changes to	NA/-	See Response 4

		school lunch standards that restrict unhealthy foods have made a difference in WV. The obesity rate has seen improvement. BUT because WV already has such a significantly higher burden of obesity and obesity related diseases in our state and also has other factors that effect nutrition (poverty, job growth, economic well being) we cannot afford to allow the next generation of children to be subject to unhealthy food in their school, which is often the only food they may eat for the day. I sincerely ask that you consider the above changes to help preserve the health of hundreds of thousands of WV children, as we need to help decide what is in their best interest. Their future health should depend on higher standards of nutrition no matter what federal regulations may change. I appreciate your consideration of the changes above as the school board should NOT approve proposed Nutrition Policy 4321.1 without the following changes: Proposed change to 126-86-2 should read---> West Virginia child nutrition policy will be the USDA minimum policy as it existed on June 20, 2017. After that date, if the USDA lowers a minimum standard, West Virginia standards will		

		remain at the June 20, 2017 level unless the Office of Child Nutrition and WVDE Nutrition Advisory Council decide that it is in the interest of West Virginia children to lower West Virginia's standard too.		
2017-06-27 20:57:34	Jaci Paugh Nurse Practitioner WVU Medicine Morgantown West	I am a parent of a child in WV public schools. I am also a Pediatric Gastroenterology Nurse Practitioner in WV. I feel very strongly that we, as a state, must watch out for and control our school food standards. So many children in our state rely on it as their main source of nutrition! This is a sad fact but we need to continue to offer the standards we have and possibly better. Thank you for your time and consideration	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-28 09:28:00	Michelle Mitchell Pediatrician Morgantown WV	Lower the federal standard for school lunches is a step in the wrong direction and West Virginia should not follow the federal lead. This state is finally making good progress on improving obesity rates. Lowering our school food standards is like giving up on this mission and accepting we will always be 50th. For once, let our state be the example of what to do right and the difference it can make.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-28 15:43:33	Lindsay Weglinski MD Morgantown WV	Please do not lower nutrition standards in WV. In our state, more than almost any other, many children get most of their nutrition at school. I know as a mother and as a family practice physician that well fed children are better learners. They need their basic nutritional needs	NA/-	See Response 2

		met before they can focus on anything else. Please do not revert to federal nutrition standards which are not as good.		
2017-06-28 15:56:44	Scott Parsons Morgantown WV	I recently moved to the state of West Virginia. My children are 3 and 4 and will soon begin attending public schools. From what I've been told, West Virginia has become a leader around the country in school food standards. That's wonderful! I fear, though, that if we tie our school food standards to the federal standards, we will lose local country and lose the amazing gains in combating childhood obesity that have been won in the past several years. Please make sure that this proposal includes language that would allow standards to remain high and remain controlled by the state and localities. In particular, I think that caffeinated beverages should be restricted from being sold in schools and that there should be reasonable restrictions on food and drinks used at school celebrations. Thank you!	NA/- A/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 6 See Response 3
2017-06-28 23:08:03	Jodi Richmond	Do not lower nutritional standards of school lunches. If anything quality and standards should be increased. Current obesity rates are decreasing due to increased consumption of more nutritious foods; do not reverse this trend.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-29 07:26:57	Kim Kelly Mom mom of 5 year old	Please do not lower the nutritional standards of school breakfast and lunches. My daughter is a 5 year old at Suncrest Elementary. I know that	NA/-	See Response 2

	Morgantown West	some of her classmates in Pre-K were struggling. School breakfast and lunch were very likely their only decent meals of the day. I am also struggling to get my daughter to eat veggies, but if she sees others eat them, she is more likely to do it. I am so pleased with the Choosy Program to encourage healthy food choices. Please continue to have high nutritional quality lunches.		
2017-06-30 16:42:25	Jamie Jeffrey, MD, FAAP Medical Director, CAMC HealthyKids Wellness & Weight Management Charleston WV We	The last sentence in the new policy, "The purpose of this document is also to provide guidelines and best practices supporting good nutrition and food safety that will help schools take a comprehensive approach toward health and wellness in their school community". KEY WORDS: Good nutrition and SAFETY. If this new policy actually accomplishes the purpose stated above, then there should not be much disagreement or discussion. Also, purpose clearly states that "Within the WVDE, OCN is the administering state agency in WV for the USDAs child nutrition.....OCN will be tasked with the implementation, oversight, monitoring, provision of TA..." This is because nutrition policies are quite complicated and it takes an appropriate skill set to understand and monitor the same policies.	N/o	
2017-06-30 17:55:12	Richard Swanson Morgantown West	We must keep up the nutrition standards for our children in schools. For some children this meal may be the only meal they get that day!	NA/-	See Response 2

2017-06-30 22:28:11	Jo Perez Retired School Psychologist Alderson WV	Lets keep our kids healthy and teach good eating habits.	N/o	
2017-07-01 10:35:44	Stephanie Bostic, PhD Nutritionist Binghamton NY	It is essential that West Virginia schools maintain and continue their progress toward helping children succeed. Without a basic level of health, they will have greater struggles to become adults who serve their communities, their families, and their workplaces. Developing good eating habits at a young age is predictive of future eating habits. Access to sufficient, quality food has been linked to better physical, mental, and academic performance. We, as a society, owe our children the opportunity to become adventurous eaters who enjoy their vegetables as well as the nutrients they need to succeed in school. I have based my career on compelling statements about obesity and related chronic disease states. Unfortunately, too many West Virginians are affected by cardiovascular disease, hypertension, type two diabetes, chronic kidney disease, cancers related to excess adiposity, and even cognitive declines connected to poor nutrition and lack of physical activity. West Virginia has made progress in helping its children improve their future health-- the population of second graders alone have better weights now compared	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 6

		to five years ago-- and I hope the school system continues to work to provide our children with a healthy environment, as many of them spend a large portion of their waking hours at school. Schools play a vital role in childrens lives, and thus, their health. Maintaining state autonomy in terms of Child Nutrition Program standards is one key to the state continuing its progress in promoting child health through healthy eating. I strongly encourage the board to require review of any changes of federal nutrition standards before adopting them, with the purpose of determining if they are in the best interest of our children and future workforce.		
2017-07-01 13:50:35	Lois Williams Mr. Monongalia County Schools Morgantown WV	Our students deserve to have the top nutrition standards for school breakfasts and lunches. We need to start them on a healthy path to good nutrition. I am appalled at the excess sugar, salt and food dyes in the food offered to our students.	N/o	
2017-07-05 06:57:18	Kelley Charles Town WV	I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 6

2017-07-05 17:15:18	Gwen Crum Agent WVU Extension Service Parkersburg WV	I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 6
2017-07-06 23:37:47	GAYLE ALLEN president Hampshire County Education Association ROMNEY WV	I am a Kindergarten teacher. I have taught in McDowell and Hampshire Counties. I eat school lunch EVERY day. The children served in the schools I have taught in depend on school meals for their nutritional needs. Over the last 30+ years I have watched the school lunch program get better and better. Please keep up the good work! Do not let the federal government drag us backwards by hooking to their standards. We e doing very well. Lets keep it that way!	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-07-07 07:46:50	April Andrews Community Member WVBOE Elkview WV	I am writing today to tell the BOE that child nutrition must be a number one priority for WV. WV health statistics are worsening and I believe the way to change this is to educate children about healthy delicious foods. In the past two years my nephew has brought home healthy snacks, such as apples or pears. While he is exposed to these nutritional foods at home, a lot of WV parents are not doing the same. Instead of scrapping the nutritional programs all together, make adjustments.	NA/-	See Response 2

2017-07-07 15:05:05	Jessica Dianellos Coordinator KEYS 4 HealthyKids Charleston WV	I love how the purpose is stated "to provide guidelines and best practices supporting good nutrition and food safety that will help schools take a comprehensive approach toward health and wellness in their school community." If the new policy truly accomplishes this stated purpose, it would be great!	N/+	
2017-07-07 18:56:45	Judith Peascoe Mrs. Vienna WV	West Virginia nutrition standards will be at minimum the USDA standards that existed on June 20, 2017. If the USDA standards increase, the WV standards will increase to match the new USDA standards for school lunch otherwise the standards will remain at the June 20, 2017 level unless the Office of Child Nutrition and the WVDE Nutrition Advisory Council decide that it is the best interests of the children of West Virginia to lower the standards.	NA/-	See Response 4
2017-07-07 20:17:28	Warren Peascoe Dr Vienna wv	West Virginia child nutrition policy will be the USDA minimum policy as it existed on June 20, 2017. After that date, if the USDA lowers a minimum standard, West Virginia standards will remain at the June 20, 2017 level unless the Office of Child Nutrition and WVDE Nutrition Advisory Council decide that it is in the interest of West Virginia children to lower West Virginia's standard too.	NA/-	See Response 4

2017-07-09 09:45:23	Leslie Boyd Shepherdstown WV	As a teacher, I see first hand the importance of good nutrition. Often times, if a student has not eaten well, it has a negative effect on their concentration and performance in the classroom. If we lower our standards, then we will fail our children. How can we expect the best from our students if we are not giving them our best. Please do not lower the standards!! If they are, ALL standards will be lowered!!	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-07-10 14:15:01	ALICIA LYONS FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST WVDHHR, TAYLOR COUNTY PATCH COALITION, FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK, ALL ABOARD GRAFTON GRAFTON WV	IT GREATLY CONCERNS ME AS A PARENT THAT THE STATE OF WV IS CONSIDERING REDUCING ITS STANDARDS OF HEALTHY FOODS FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR STATE. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE GAINED BY SERVING THEM LESS HEALTHY FOODS? OUR STATE IS AT THE TOP OF THE MOST UNHEALTHY LISTS IN THE COUNTRY. OUR CURRENT FOOD STANDARDS ARE FINALLY MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE CHILDHOOD OBESITY RATES. FOR SOME OF THESE CHILDREN, THE ONLY HEALTH MEALS (AND SOMETIMES THE ONLY MEALS AT ALL) THEY RECEIVE ARE FROM THEIR SCHOOL. PLEASE DO NOT LITERALLY TAKE HEALTHY FOOD OUT OF OUR CHILDRENS MOUTHS. NOT ONLY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS, BUT ALSO THE LIVELIHOODS	NA/-	See Response 2

		OF LOCAL FARMERS AND BUSINESSES THAT HELP PROVIDE PRODUCE TO THEIR LOCAL SCHOOLS. THIS IS A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY EFFORT THAT SHOULD NOT BE STAMPED OUT. IT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. I COULD ALMOST GUARANTEE THAT THIS IS BEING CONSIDERED BECAUSE IT WOULD SOMEHOW SAVE A FEW BUCKS FOR THE STATE, BUT THINK ABOUT THIS: IF OUR CHILDREN ARE HEALTHIER, THEY BECOME HEALTHIER ADULTS, THEREFORE THEY WOULD POTENTIALLY NEED LESS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND DISABILITY SERVICES. THIS IS A LONG TERM PLAN AND REDUCING OUR STANDARDS WILL JUST DEVASTATE OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS AND PUT US RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED		
2017-07-12 14:46:54	William Lyons Jr Grafton WV	If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-07-13 12:06:47	Brenda Isaac Lead School Nurse Kanawha County Schools Charleston WV	If the purpose is truly to comprehensively support good nutrition and food safety, as well as overall health and wellness, this is going to require that WVDE provide more truly comprehensive	NA/-	See Response 2

		policies and guidelines than simply following Federal guidelines since the current national administration is weak on its true concern for childrens health and safety.		
2017-07-14 13:40:36	Laura Dice parent St Albans WV	Lets base our decisions on best practices. Reducing standards at a time like this is not est practice. As a public health professional, Ive learned that this can have huge detrimental effects on the health and culture of health for our kids. By not creating an environment that supports health, we are	N/o	
2017-07-14 15:46:55	Kelli Crabtree Parent Parent Huntington WV	WVs school nutrition standards are recognized, but even so they do NOT come close to matching Best Practices for the health and wellness of our children specifically for nutrition and physical activity. Our children eat two of their three daily meals and spend a significant amount of their waking hours in our public schools. It is imperative that health and wellness (including nutrition) standards be held high. For some children then only meals that they receive or the only meals that have nutritional value come from the school cafeterias and classrooms. Nutrition = healthy brain and body development. Nutrition = better health and lower health care costs. Nutrition = better concentration = better academic scores. Please do NOT allow these vital nutrition standards to be lowered in any way. Keep the power at the state level - not the federal.	NA/-	See Response 2

2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	I agree with the statement that this document should provide guidelines and best practices by supporting good nutrition and food policy. the actual details of this policy should be supportive of this.	N/o	
		§126-86-3. Operational Definitions.		
2017-06-19 08:31:24	Megan Govindan Director - Didactic Program in Dietetics, Teaching West Virginia University Morgantow WV	There is also very specific language related to rewards and penalties so that children are not denied meals or treated differently for outstanding meal debt, as well as food not being used as reward or taken away as punishment.	N/+	
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Better product especially for fresh bread and fruit	N/o	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/o	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	We want nutritional foods, NOT those high processed, high calories, empty calorie foods	N/o	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH	I support this section.	N/+	

	Charleston wv			
		§126-86-4. Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs		
2017-06-16 16:10:22	Gina Wood Ripley WV	Please accept these comments an expression of my support for the maintenance of the current version of Policy 4321.1. (Standards for School Nutrition) which for many years have met and exceeded federal guidelines, making West Virginia a leader in the field of school nutrition. Eating habits are established at a very young age and given that that 67% of west Virginia's public school students qualify for free or reduced meals, schools are in the important and unique position to not only nourish hungry children, but also to positively impact their eating patterns both now and in the future. This will directly affect their health as adults and influence their ability to be productive, successful members of their communities. I would like to specifically address the proposed policy's rescission of the guidance provided to county board offices regarding acceptable foods during school celebrations. The top source of calories for 2-18 year-olds is grain based desserts contributing an average of 138 calories a day. Added sugars for this age group contributes		

		11-17% of total calories, exceeding the recommendation of no more than 10%. Children build preferences for foods that are offered in a positive environment, therefore celebrations should be viewed as an opportunity to introduce and promote healthier foods. Permitting county schools to return to an environment where school celebrations include unlimited amounts of foods high in sugar, fat and sodium is not in the best interest of student health and does not reinforce healthy behaviors in a positive environment; in fact it sends the message that celebrations should always revolve around food. This is not simply about a child being allowed to have a cupcake, it is about establishing a culture of health in the school environment where children spend a majority of their time. I am also concerned that if foods can be brought from home, there is potential for the introduction of food allergens and/or other undesirable additives, as well as potential cleanliness and sanitation issues. West Virginia leads the nation in the prevalence of many chronic diseases such as obesity and diabetes which contribute to premature deaths from heart disease and cancer. The Harvard School of Public Health recommends serving healthy foods in the school setting, limiting availability and marketing of unhealthful foods		

		and sugary drinks, and making water available to students throughout the day as some of the ways that schools can help prevent obesity. The repeal and replacement of Policy 4321.1 places an unnecessary burden on county level administrators and staff to make decisions about the nutritive value and safety of foods that they may not have the time or ability to make. I also feel that Smart Snacks Standards, while admirable, do not go far enough to protect our children from highly processed foods as well as caffeinated and artificially sweetened beverages. I value and respect all of West Virginia's children and want them to have access to every opportunity to be healthy, active and successful, therefore I encourage expansion and support for healthy meals and snacks at school. I encourage you to continue to design and promote state-level policies related to nutrition and physical activity that foster an atmosphere of health and wellness for all students, staff and administration.	A/- A/-	See Response 3 See Response 14
2017-06-19 07:09:55	Jessica Walden Dietetics Student Marshall University/Mother/Homer oom Mother at Public	Be proud to have stricter, more health conscious, research-science proven rules that govern what is brought in and sold to the school students. Being in line with the Federal rules when they are not the best for healthy outcomes is NOT what West	NA/-	See Response 2

	School/Citizen Ona WV	Virginia needs. West Virginia is always falling behind. This is one area that we can shine and be proud to be ABOVE the Federal standards! Inquire with a registered dietitian, contact me - Ill get you in line with many certified, professional, well-spoken. licensed dietitians about the health crisis concerns this change will encourage. Don be like the rest - STAND UP AND STAND PROUD WV!		
2017-06-20 10:34:55	Tamela Jack Teacher Barbour County Schools Philippi Wv	The meals provided in the schools may be the only meals some of these children receive throughout the day. It should be a decent meal for these children to enjoy. The portion size does not match the students. A middle school and high school student require more calories throughout the day. It is sad that students receive 4 meatballs and 5 french fries with a meal. (You must have counting abilities to be a cook in the school system.)	N/o	
2017-06-20 11:57:58	Leatha Williams Director of Technology, Assess., Food Service Braxton County Schools Sutton WV	5.4 states....without the prior approval of the county Child Nutrition Director. I believe this should state without the prior approval of the Superintendent, Local Board of Education with the recommendation of the Child Nutrition Director. All fund raisers and sales must go through the Superintendent and Local Board of Education as a standard practice, this is almost usurping that process and could creating conflict between that process and this policy. Something	A/-	Response 7: The following language has been omitted from the policy, "without prior approval from the Child Nutrition Director."

		as serious as approving competition with the NSLP, which would effect reimbursable meals served should be approved by the Superintendent and Local School Board.		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Students that aren hungry will have better tests scores	N/o	
2017-06-26 06:36:24	Linda McGervey Fairmont W V	As an Aunt whos struggled with Obesity her whole life I do not want my nieces and nephews to go they the same. Its time for WV to start setting standards not to follow declining ones. I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.	A/-	See Response 6
2017-06-26 07:12:13	Renee Anderson Retired Teacher, Volunteer Cleveland WV	Please maintain our high standards for school lunches and party foods as they have begun to result in a decrease in childhood obesity rates. For so many of our children, school is one of the few places where healthy food is served regularly and where they have come to learn that you don need empty calories to celebrate. It takes time to change behavior and eating habits but I have personally seen children come to prefer fresh	NA/-	See Response 2

		fruits and vegetables over "junk" as party food.		
2017-06-26 07:15:54	cathy clark inwood West	Â· I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered. Â· If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered. Â· Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 07:27:46	Melinda Russell Grandparent Alderson WV	Please do not tie our school nutrition standards to the federal standards, which could be lowered at any time. Our school food has improved, childhood obesity is declining, and let s keep it that way!	NA/-	See Response 2

2017-06-26 09:20:13	Kristen Ross Charleston WV	Caffeine is a stimulant and should not be given at schools. Also added salts and sugars (although then make things taste better) should not be allowed because of our obesity epidemic. I do think an occasional cupcake for a holiday is fine (teaches moderation) but the daily meals must be healthy.	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-26 09:32:48	Debora McNeer Treasurer Summers County Democratic Executive Committee Forest Hill WV	It seems to me that we should be doing all we can to improve nutrition standards for school meals, rather than reduce them. I urge The WVBOE to adopt nutrition standards that encourage healthful choices, with fresh food options. Also â€ dessert is not a requirement at any meal. When I was a kid, we got fruit in school lunches and at home we had dessert once a week, on Sunday.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 09:48:58	Laura Walker Prog Asst II Marshall University Huntington WV	Nutritious foods and high nutrition standards are paramount to Americas fight against childhood obesity. The 2017 national standards are clearly being lowered on public school foods, per the USDA! Please do not let WVs standards be lowered! WV is currently considered as one of the national leaders in school food standards. Please do not let WVs standards be lowered!	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 10:41:10	dana coester Morgantown WV	I understand the state is facing a budget crisis, but lowering standards in the nutrition programs will, like everything else, disproportionately affect low-income students, whose nutrition is already in jeopardy. I don know how many more cuts to health and wellness this community can	NA/-	See Response 2

		sustain. And while families with means may be able to potentially fill this gap, their economic status means they have more mobility, which means they are likely to just leave the state altogether, as parents measure the holistic qualities of schools as they make determinations about where to live and raise their families, and it certainly doesn't help recruit families into the state, or encourage West Virginians who have left to return to raise their families here.		
2017-06-26 10:42:52	Stephanie Armstrong Charleston WV	I am concerned and have been concerned about the nutritional programs in our school system for several years. I am all about healthy food choices; however the food being served in the schools my children have attended have gradually been so limited in flavor both of my kids come home at the end of the day very hungry. I believe if the cooks were allowed to prepare food from scratch, as they did when we all were in school, our children would be healthy. That includes the big hot rolls served with the pat of real butter on the side, we all grew up fine and most of us learned and graduated from high school and went on to college, technical schools, or joined the military. BUT, not only did we eat REAL food, we had recess, physical education integrated within the school day. This allowed us to not only exercise our bodies but also give our minds a break, as well. This encouraged us to	N/o	

		want to learn when we were in the class room. But the recess and phys. ed is another topic. Please feed our children food that they can taste, not processed healthy foods. They are not eating it. My daughter will be a junior in high school and I hope she can come home and tell me that she actually ate something for lunch when she gets home from school this year and next. Thank you.		
2017-06-26 11:06:38	Elana Zambori Member National Organization for Women Morgantown WV	More nutritious foods, less health problems down the road. There is no reason we should be pumping future generations full of unhealthy fats and carbs. Healthy fruits and vegetables SHOULD ALWAYS BE AN OPTION.	N/o	
2017-06-26 11:35:34	Barbara Steinke Charleston WV	Keep the standards strong to help reduce obesity and give quality food to our students. I oppose WV's standards to automatically drop when the USDA lowers federal minimum standards.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 11:44:01	Ruth Baker Retired Elementary Counselor Beckley WV	Return "strengthen or exceed" to the language in the section.	N/-	
2017-06-26 11:56:16	Mystik Miller AmeriCorps volunteer Greenbrier County Health Alliance Lewisburg WV	We should strive to strengthen or exceed the standards, and allow for that in the language.	N/-	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms	Maintain current standards	N/o	

	none Buckhannon WV			
2017-06-26 12:55:33	Carrie Hancock Teacher Wolf Creek WV	Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs are highly important, and should not be lowered. West Virginia has an extremely high child obesity rate, and very high levels of health problems related to a lifetime of unhealthy diet. The foods students consume at school are a huge part of their diet, and they deserve to eat healthy. To lower the standards would be giant step backwards. Why would we do that to our children?	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 13:04:51	Mary Boyd, MD Pediatrician Arbor Community Health Care Elkins WV	Please keep the current nutrition standards in place for the schools. Our obesity rate has come down in the last few years, but we are still leading the country in childhood obesity and we need to keep working on this problem. The fact that you are even considering this is ludicrous to me. Just look around you-you see childhood obesity everywhere you go in this state. Lets keep our standards high-they are working.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 14:12:21	Angela Carver Morgantown West	Should read: Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt policies that strengthen the federal minimum standards.	A/+	Response 8: Language has been modified based upon this recommendation.
2017-06-26 14:20:48	Judy Curry Former Child Care	We are finally starting to make a difference in childhood obesity. Do not put in language that	NA/-	See Response 2

	Administrator, DHHR Retired Winfield West	could result in lower standards if the USDA were to reduce their standards. WV has been very successful with programs like Choosy that emphasize eating healthy foods and physical activity. We need to keep pushing if we want to reduce childhood obesity. When ketchup is counted as a vegetable, minimal standards are useless. Lets strive for the best, not mediocrity in our school nutrition programs. The health of our children is worth it.		
2017-06-26 14:31:45	Emily Vasile Morgantown WV	I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.	A/-	See Response 6
2017-06-26 14:31:47	Laura Phillips Agency Relations Mountaineer Food Bank Gassaway WV	I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginias child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.	A/-	See Response 6
2017-06-26 15:41:07	Robert Bailey Chester WV	Please keep our current food standards for school meals or work to improve them further. We don want to go backwards on this issue.	NA/-	See Response 2

2017-06-26 15:47:10	Ruth Baker Retired Elementary Counselor Beckley WV	Return " strengthen or exceed" to the language in the section.	N/-	
2017-06-26 16:54:14	Lee Daniel Lewisburg WV	these standards must be kept at a high and improved level, prefer no junk available in the public schools. WV goal for our children is to go backwards? Is no one in this state looking to the future? Very disappointed this is even an issue	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 19:26:52	Carol Sheffield Mrs. Buckhannon WV	Over the last eight years, sensible ideas and recommendations in favor of healthy children were developed and put into practice. Obesity rates for our children have begun to drop. We would do a great disservice to our children and their bodies should we roll back said practices, leading to more health issues and once again, increasing obesity. Unhealthy children grow into unhealthy adults. Lets do our best to promote wellness at the table.	N/o	
2017-06-26 19:41:44	Lawrence Levine WV Parent and Grandparent Lewisburg WV	WV has been a leader in child nutrition programs in schools. I want to see WV standards stay high, and not be reduced to just matching federal standards.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 20:45:46	Kerri wade Extension Agent WVU extension Charleston Wv	We need to provide nutritious meals which includes fresh fruits and vegetables	N/o	
2017-06-26 20:46:28	Robert S. Baker Beckley WV	I believe it is a big mistake to tie our standards to those set in Washington, DC. At present, we have	NA/-	See Response 2

		the healthiest standards in the country. They should not be subject to weakening at the whims of the bureaucrats in our nations capital. We have the unhealthiest population in the country, and we need to keep the ability to keep our standards high in order to protect the health of our children.		
2017-06-26 22:34:50	Beverly Stern Teacher Ruthlawn Elementary School South Charleston WV	We have been working with our WVU Extension Office for the past 6 years to develop a school garden. When our school was audited by OEPA, we received 9 distinguished ratings. This was in part from our students eating what they grow for snacks and in our after school Junior Master Gardener program. First Grade students are given points for fruits and vegetables from the school salad bar as well as during snack time. A healthy eating ribbon is awarded for students who score the most points for eating and trying new foods. Our afterschool JMG program also tracks snack points. Students volunteer to bring non-processed snacks throughout the year and are awarded a healthy eating certificate at the end of the year. We are moving the right direction in improving nutrition for our schools and families. Please keep our high standards.	N/o	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department	So critically important to the health and well-being of our youth. I have worked with the opioid epidemic, and one thing these addicted persons all have in common - eating unhealthy foods and beverages.	N/o	

	Bardane WV			
2017-06-27 00:45:43	Mandy Hall-Sanchez Teaching Assistant Professor WVU Morgantown WV	Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have gotten better and better. And its making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We e not there yet, but we e getting there. Thats a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-27 07:35:25	Linda OBrien 1944 Shepherdstown West	It is only common sense that we have a healthy standard of food served in West Virginia schools especially since the health of our children has shown to improve with better nutrition being served in schools. Please do not let your standards down based on Washingtons need to cut corners.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-27 07:43:46	Robert Shefner Executive Director Jefferson County Community Ministires Charles Town WV	Please do not lower the standards for our childrens lunches. In some cases, this may be the healthiest meal kids may have all day.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-27 09:51:28	Dr. Amy Sidwell, PhD, MCHES Associate Professor Fairmont State University Morgantown WV	Since 2008, West Virginias school food standards have improved. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. This is no time to lower our standards. In a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school, we must keep strong standards in place that limit saturated and trans fat, sugar,	NA/- A/-	See Response 2 See Response 3

		sodium, and caffeine. As a health educator, I do not want to see our progress on child nutrition move backward. As a parent of school-age daughters enrolled in WV public schools, I want to be sure my children and all children have access to nutritious food throughout each school day.		
2017-06-27 19:03:10	Timothy Lefeber Pediatrician Morgantown WV	In order to protect the nutritional value we should try to have school lunches that exceed national USDA standards because our obesity problem for both children and adults exceeds the national average. Proposed change to 126-86-4 should read---> Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt policies that strengthen or exceed the federal minimum standards.	NA/- A/+	See Response 2 See Response 8
2017-06-27 20:15:39	Lester Long Parkersburg WV	Hunger of school age children is a chronic problem in Wood County. Schools should be used to provide meals to students. The nutritional value should be maintained at the highest possible level consistent with current guidelines.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-28 07:59:18	Malayna Bernstein Morgantown WV	I am very concerned about obesity in our state. This is a public health issue that costs both lives and dollars. We know that WV is plagued with obesity problems far worse than in most states in the country. We must make the health of our	NA/-	See Response 2

		young people a priority. School breakfasts and lunches serve two purposes: they help combat hunger for children whose families lack financial wealth, and they can serve to make kids healthy and strong. I can think of few other such productive avenues for bettering the lives of West Virginians. We have made major strides in increasing our standards for nutrition in the last decade. Please don let our standards slip, even while national standards may be lowered. Lets be the best advocates for our own residents health.		
2017-06-28 12:12:24	Michele Boucher Mrs. n/a Martinsburg wv	In light of the skyrocketing rates of diabetes among children in WV, it is imperative that the highest level of nutritional value be maintained in all school meals. This is becoming a life or death issue. Protect our children.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-28 16:54:35	Kim Kelly Mom Mom of a kindergartener Morgantown West	Please maintain standards of school lunch. My daughter attended pre-K at Suncrest Primary and will be starting kindergarten at Suncrest Primary in the Fall. She is in Kidematics. Please don lower the nutritional standards of lunches. I do care. And I know that there are kids in my daughters school, in my daughters class who are struggling to get by. At least can the kids have one decent meal a day? I always try to give a little extra money for field trips and such because	NA/-	See Response 2

		I know a few of her classmates are struggling. Please don't take away a good quality meal.		
2017-06-28 23:08:03	Jodi Richmond	Keep standards high and increase fresh fruit and vegetable consumption	N/o	
2017-06-29 11:17:23	Jennifer Lawrence Small Business Owner Masontown WV	I work with WV children everyday through my small business. Children have become healthier, smarter, and gained focus since the standards were raised. If you roll back the standards for WV children, you are creating an environment where they will suffer. Long term health and intelligence should be our school systems focus. We can fall into the trap of choosing the easiest and cheapest methods. Our kids already have much to overcome. Let's give them a healthy body and brain with which to face future challenges.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-30 10:36:05	Kelsey Laubach Youth Health Educator WVU Extension Family Nutrition Program Fayetteville WV	The health of WV children has been improving, lowering the standards of school lunch will prevent this trend from continuing. An investment in the health of WV children is an investment in WV's future. Please keep the high standards for school lunch, let WV be the leader in high quality school lunches instead of being in the back of the pack.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charleston WV	Since the proposed changes are only to bring the states standards in-line with the federal guideline my concerns are addressed since policy guidance is very important for local/county Nutritional officials. Therefore, I'm supportive of these	N/+	

		proposed changes. Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.		
2017-06-30 12:09:12	Rachel Sallade Registered Dietitian Kanawha County WIC Program Charleston WV	I suggest that WV lock in the Health Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 nutrition standards as the minimum.	NA/-	See Response 4
2017-06-30 16:42:25	Jamie Jeffrey, MD, FAAP Medical Director, CAMC HealthyKids Wellness & Weight Management Charleston WV We	I applaud simplifying this section and simply referencing "the child nutrition program determined at the federal level", but am fearful of the Presidential administrations current attempts to roll back these federal policies. I would recommend stronger language to protect our childrens nutrition environment such as "aligning WV nutrition standards with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010". This way if feds roll back policies that are obviously working in WV, we can keep WV standards at a higher level. (reference: Journal of Child Nutrition & Management, Vol 40, Issue 1, Spring 2016 showing less empty calories, more fruit sold and consumed and less sodium since HHKFA AND no decline in number of lunches sold).	NA/-	See Response 4
2017-06-30 22:28:11	Jo Perez Retired School Psychologist Alderson WV	Our children deserve good nutrition with lot fat and sugar.	N/o	

2017-07-01 10:35:44	Stephanie Bostic, PhD Nutritionist Binghamton NY	I encourage the board to maintain control of the states nutrition standards rather than tying them to minimum federal nutrition standards. West Virginia is a leader in school food, and I hope to see it remain a leader in the future.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-07-01 13:50:35	Lois Williams Mr. Monongalia County Schools Morgantown WV	We need to eliminate prepackaged foods, such as SUGAR cereals, doughnuts, and flavored milk. Why is vanilla shake milk an option for schools to purchase? Also, when we look at grams of sugar/day, elementary age students are suggested to get no more than 12 grams of added sugar/day. Vanilla shake has 26 (I think) grams of sugar. Any milk offered in school should not have added sugar. White milk has NO added sugar. Why can that be our standard. I would rather see them have the healthy option of drinking a glass of ice cold refreshing water than sugary milk. Also, there are studies that link hot dogs, and processed meat to cancer. Pediatricians in Charleston WV put up a billboard with that FACT on it and we are still serving hot dogs and processed meat in our school lunches. We should also take a look at the salt in foods prepackaged for school lunches. (gravy, roast beef etc.). I would love to see more plant based whole foods on our menus. We need to set our little ones up for a healthy life even if it costs us more.	N/o	
2017-07-03 20:48:06	Stephen Ayraud Shepherdstown Wv	Do not lower nutritional standards for West Virginia	NA/-	See Response 2

2017-07-04 06:44:32	Jim Plitt Wardensville wv	Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US	N/o	
2017-07-05 00:27:08	Peggy Given Mrs Charleston WV	Please don lower the food standards in our schools. Our kids deserve healthy foods that won contribute to childhood obesity. It can make a difference in the rest of their lives. Thank you.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-07-07 07:46:50	April Andrews Community Member WVBOE Elkview WV	I am writing today to tell the BOE that child nutrition must be a number one priority for WV. WV health statistics are worsening and I believe the way to change this is to educate children about healthy delicious foods. In the past two years my nephew has brought home healthy snacks, such as apples or pears. While he is exposed to these nutritional foods at home, a lot of WV parents are not doing the same. Instead of scrapping the nutritional programs all together, make adjustments.	NA/-	
2017-07-07 15:05:05	Jessica Dianellos Coordinator KEYS 4 HealthyKids Charleston WV	The new proposed policy 4321.1 language has been simplified by stating that our standards will be determined at the federal level. However, by simply falling back on the child nutrition program at the federal level, we open WV up to the possibility of having our nutrition standards reduced rather than keeping them at a high level. I would prefer that policy 4321.1 use language consistent with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 so that if the new administration rolls back federal policy on child nutrition, WV will be protected from the reduction in standards.	NA/-	See Response 4

2017-07-07 18:56:45	Judith Peascoe Mrs. Vienna WV	Each County must develop School a Local Wellness Program that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may strengthen the federally minimum mandated standards.	A/+	See Response 8
2017-07-07 20:17:28	Warren Peascoe Dr Vienna wv	Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt policies that strengthen the federal minimum standards.	A/+	See Response 8
2017-07-10 14:15:01	ALICIA LYONS FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST WVDHHR, TAYLOR COUNTY PATCH COALITION, FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK, ALL ABOARD GRAFTON GRAFTON WV	WV SHOULD DETERMINE ITS OWN STANDARDS AND NOT FALL BACK ON THE USDA FEDERAL MINIMUMS. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED ISSUES IN OUR STATE AND HAVE IMPLEMENTED RESOLUTIONS AND PREVENTION TO ADDRESS THEM. PLEASE DO NOT PUSH US BACKWARD WHEN WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AND PROGRESSING.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-07-11 23:40:31	Karen Breeden Moorefield WV	While foods should be nutritious, they should also be foods that children will most likely eat. A lot of money is wasted buying, preparing foods that the children will not eat and just throw away.	N/o	
2017-07-12 10:36:49	Stella Young Child Nutrition Director Putnam County Schools Winfield WV	5.4 Foods and beverages may not be sold, served, or distributed in competition with the federal child nutrition programs in the food service areas during the meal service periods, "WITHOUT	A/-	See Response 7

		PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE COUNTY CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTOR" needs to be omitted from the paragraph.		
2017-07-13 12:06:47	Brenda Isaac Lead School Nurse Kanawha County Schools Charleston WV	W.V. needs to move to the forefront in protecting our children and not simply "support" Federal standards. The current Federal Government is back pedaling on providing adequate protection to our children and cannot be trusted to continue to do so. The burden will fall on the states and our children are too important not to provide this comprehensive protection.	A/-	See Response 6
2017-07-14 13:40:36	Laura Dice parent St Albans WV	If we tie standards to federal policy directly then we would have less discretion in determining standards for our own state. How about we set strict standards for our state despite whether the federal guidelines allow for less restrictive policy?	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-07-16 01:03:07	Kelli Caseman Director, Child Health West Virginians for Affordable Health Care Charleston WV	Since federal guidelines have already been "watered down" since the new administration, its crucial that we do not set ourselves up to lose the incredible gains weve made in WV with our nutrition program. Lets maintain adherence to the Hunger-Free Kids Act.	NA/-	See Response 4
2017-07-17 13:06:31	Olivia Turman Student Barboursville WV	To start off, I believe that students, elementary school through high school, should be offered a curriculum that educates and informs us that healthy choices benefit us more so than the unhealthy. I believe that if we are taught healthy habits at a young age we can continue them as we	N/o	

		grow older. Not all children have resources at home to learn for themselves the dangers of eating fats and sugars out of moderation, or the values of a balanced diet. With that being said, I feel that it is crucial for schools to offer an education to us during our school day about a healthy lifestyle.		
2017-07-17 14:06:38	Jennifer Graley Charleston WV	I think they should be able to bring Cupcakes and other No -Nutritional food for school parties.... they only have parties 2 times a year and its not going to hurt to have these items. And I am all for this change and to have Store bought items such as Cucakes Cookies and chips for their Celebrations!!!!	N/o	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	my concern is that advances made under the Healthy Hunger Free Kids act of 2010 will be cancelled out by following the minimum standards. With the health challenges facing WV kids, WV should retain the higher standards.	NA/-	See Response 4
2017-07-17 14:27:47	Jillian Freeman student Barboursville Middle School Barboursville WV	I feel that nutrition should be apart of our school day. Students from elementary school through high school need to be taught and shown healthy choices are better for them so that they know what they are putting into their body. Students should eat few high fat and high sugar foods during the day. This may be the only opportunity they get to learn about why healthy foods are important.	N/o	

		§126-86-5. Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages		
2017-06-19 07:21:04	Jessica Walden MU Dietetics Student/Homeroom Mother/Mother/Citizen Ona WV	http://www.clubindustry.com/studies/energy-drinks-could-harm-blood-pressure-and-heart-rate-aha-study-finds We do NOT want caffeinated beverages in our schools! The marketing and sales are high enough for these items outside of the school. The public school must take ground and truly care about proving EDUCATION to the students. Providing options that promote HEALTH for today and tomorrow! I know for a fact that my children think that what is offered at school is good for them. This is how it should be, we should not have to question what is going on in the school environment, "is it promoting good choices and true education for shaping minds?" If it is offered at school, it needs to be teaching good lifestyle. Many areas can be grey - but this one, is NOT! Check the science - an article is attached above. Stick with science and consult a registered dietitian - you have many on staff and there are public policy focused RDs a WVAND ready to share the science! www.eatrightwv.org	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-19 15:42:19	Brenda Arrowood Director of Food Service Wayne County Board of	5.4 Remove the last part of the last sentence "without prior approval from the county Child Nutrition Director." This contradicts the policy	A/-	See Response 7

		products/caffeine. The journal "Pediatrics in Review" concludes that caffeine laden beverages can cause rapid heartbeat, high blood pressure, obesity, and other medical problems in teens. More than 100 milligrams caffeine is considered unhealthy for a teenager. To not address caffeine is turning a blind eye to our children and our students health.		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Some of this spinach , and black beans students absolutely hate take them off the menu	N/o	
2017-06-26 09:20:13	Kristen Ross Charleston WV	No caffeine, milk with no added hormones, less juice.	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-26 11:44:01	Ruth Baker Retired Elementary Counselor Beckley WV	Keep caffeine out of high schools. Allow it, could lead to energy drinks like Red Bull to come into our schools. We know of cases where this is exceeding harmful to some teens who drink this in excess.	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-26 11:56:16	Mystik Miller AmeriCorps volunteer Greenbrier County Health Alliance Lewisburg WV	Caffeine should not be sold or distributed to WV students on campus at any time.	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/o	

2017-06-26 12:55:33	Carrie Hancock Teacher Wolf Creek WV	Sugar and caffeine filled beverages should not be an option for students at school. I have watched bottled water become the go-to drink for middle and high school aged children over the past few years, and that is a healthy habit that will follow them through life. Why not eliminate the sugar-filled drinks, and save millions on healthcare costs by not creating a diabetic culture.	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-26 14:12:21	Angela Carver Morgantown West	I believe this is what it should say: West Virginia nutrition policy will abide by the USDA Smart Snacks Standards with the following exception:Caffeine will not be sold or distributed to West Virginia students on campus during school hours.	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-26 14:20:48	Judy Curry Former Child Care Administrator, DHHR Retired Winfield West	Please do not allow caffeine to be sold in schools. A 16 year old in South Carolina died from an overdose of caffeine. We don need to make it available in our schools.	A/-	See Response 3
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2017-06-26 20:46:28	Robert S. Baker Beckley WV	See the comment on 126-86-4.	N/-	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics	Keep the nutritional value of real foods, and stay away from empty calories, high fat content, high sugar content!	N/o	

	Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	Real fruits and vegetables, water and non carbonated healthy beverages (not high fructose juices and sodas).		
2017-06-27 19:03:10	Timothy Lefeber Pediatrician Morgantown WV	As caffeine has shown to be a health risk for children affecting sleep, appetite, attention and behavior, as a physician I agree with the following changes: Proposed change to 126-86-5 should read---> West Virginia nutrition policy will abide by the USDA Smart Snacks Standards with the following exception: Caffeine will not be sold or distributed to West Virginia students on campus during school hours	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-28 09:28:00	Michelle Mitchell Pediatrician Morgantown WV	Caffeine should not be allowed in schools. Aside from the fact that caffeinated beverages are also typically very high in sugar (also problematic), it is also a drug. We should not be aiding and abetting developing brains (that are probably already sleep deprived) to these types of substances. The research is clear on the harmful effects caffeine can have, particularly highly caffeinated "energy drinks". One may argue that a kid or teenager can be stopped from consuming these beverages if they choose, but that doesn't mean the school shouldn't set the example and set a higher standard for what nutrition in the home should be.	A/-	Response 3

2017-06-28 23:08:03	Jodi Richmond	Keep standards high	N/o	
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charlston WV	With the potential impact of Competitive Foods and Beverages along with the current Health Challenges faced by the states children/families...these are needed. Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-06-30 12:09:12	Rachel Sallade Registered Dietitian Kanawha County WIC Program Charleston WV	I support this prohibition so high school students are not tempted to purchase a soft drink to consume with their meal. Water is our bodys main need, soft drinks are detrimental to health. Research shows that drinking only 1 can of soda daily can lead to 15 lb of weight gain in a year.	N/o	
2017-06-30 16:42:25	Jamie Jeffrey, MD, FAAP Medical Director, CAMC HealthyKids Wellness & Weight Management Charleston WV We	If purpose of this policy is to meet best practice as stated in purpose 126-86-2, then Policy 4321.1 from 2014 is stronger and meets best practice as outlined by the IOM and CDC because it covers food sold and provided. (https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/nutrition/pdf/nutrition_factsheet_schools.pdf) This should apply to food and beverages SOLD and PROVIDED. If our goal is "GOOD NUTRITION" why would we SELL "good nutrition" but PROVIDE "BAD nutrition"? Makes no sense at all. This should be consistent throughout the state and NOT an item that should be up to "local" control. Do WVs superintendents	N/-	

		and principals have adequate training in regards to child nutrition and food safety? Do they want to answer all the calls, questions, and complaints from parents? Are they willing to accept the responsibility and liability for safety in the instance of anaphylaxis? I agree with local control where the school administrators have experience and appropriate training such as course content, disciplinary policies and etc. The HHFKA even set higher criteria and standards for the qualifications for food service directors. Section 302 of HHFKA makes the school food safety programs under the school lunch and breakfast programs applicable to any facility or part of a facility in which food are stored, prepared or SERVED! If both 5.3 and 5.4 included food SOLD and PROVIDED then we would be meeting the goal of this policy and protecting our children. Additionally, WV has received national recognition as printed the last 2 years in the Scorecard for best practice policies, Feed to Achieve legislation and breakfast participation. Why go backward?		
2017-06-30 22:28:11	Jo Perez Retired School Psychologist Alderson WV	keep it natural, organic and whole food.	N/o	
2017-07-04 06:44:32	Jim Plitt Wardensville wv	Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US. No sugar drinks in the	N/o	

		schools		
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2017-07-07 15:05:05	Jessica Dianellos Coordinator KEYS 4 HealthyKids Charleston WV	If we aim to meet best practices in our child nutrition policy (as stated in the purpose), I feel we need to keep language from the current 2014 version of policy 4321.1 because it includes best practices as defined by the IOM and CDC, including food sold and provided. Foods and beverages sold AND provided should offer good nutrition to WVs children. My fear is that if "local control" is given to county superintendents and principals rather than the experts at the WVDE Office of Child Nutrition, we will have inconsistent standards and non-nutritious, unsafe foods "provided" in schools. Part of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act required higher qualifications for food service directors for this reason. If 5.3 and 5.4 included both food sold and food provided, the goal of this policy would be	N/-	

		better met.		
2017-07-07 18:56:45	Judith Peascoe Mrs. Vienna WV	West Virginia nutrition policy will follow the USDA Smart Snacks standards with the exception that caffeine containing beverages will not be available to students during school hours.	A/-	See Response 3
2017-07-07 20:17:28	Warren Peascoe Dr Vienna wv	West Virginia nutrition policy will abide by the USDA Smart Snacks Standards with the following exception: Caffeine will not be sold or distributed to West Virginia students on campus during school hours	A/-	See Response 3
2017-07-10 14:15:01	ALICIA LYONS FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST WVDHHR, TAYLOR COUNTY PATCH COALITION, FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK, ALL ABOARD GRAFTON GRAFTON WV	CAFFEINATED PRODUCTS SHOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ANY OF THE SCHOOLS. FILTERED WATER SHOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE IN SNACK MACHINES AS WELL AS FREE SOURCES LIKE WATER FOUNTAINS.	A/-	Response 3
2017-07-13 08:36:53	Arlene Leonard Inwood WV	Competitive foods should not be allowed to be sold during the meal times. It seems that the new restriction is only for the meal area. This should include the school campus. The proposed could open up clubs and various other organizations offering a multitude of foods. If that happens, why not open up "a la carte sales" to the meal program. They are already suffering from lack of	N/-	

		sales and meeting their budgets.		
2017-07-13 12:06:47	Brenda Isaac Lead School Nurse Kanawha County Schools Charleston WV	Foods brought into schools for students (parties and celebrations) should meet the same or higher standards as those sold in schools. We need consistency in promoting good nutrition! We are about educating students not making them fatter and less healthy.	N/-	
2017-07-14 13:40:36	Laura Dice parent St Albans WV	Best practice information is provided by CDC with link below. If you went to a doctor and they weren following best practice, they could be fined and/or fired. We should take the advice of public health professionals who help determine what the science says is best. Anything less is a disservice to the children we serve. (https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/nutrition/pdf/nutrition_factsheet_schools.pdf)	N/-	
2017-07-16 01:03:07	Kelli Caseman Director, Child Health West Virginians for Affordable Health Care Charleston WV	I strongly request that WVDE consider the concerns of families with children who have food allergies and special dietary needs. We must protect children.	A/-	See Response 12
2017-07-17 13:06:31	Olivia Turman Student Barboursville WV	"Caffeine-a crystalline compound that is found especially in tea and coffee plants and is a stimulant of the central nervous system." That was the definition straight from Websters dictionary. Caffeine is known to give children a "sugar rush", which can give them so much energy that they e bouncing off the walls and an interruption to class. Not to mention, caffeine can	A/-	See Response 3

		become addicting, which means students will constantly crave more of it. The definition above states that caffeine directly affects the brain of the person drinking it. Do you really want something that affects our brain in a negative way offered to us to drink during our school day?		
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	Im concerned about the last sentence in 5.4 "without prior approval from the county Child Nutrition Director", which seems to imply that the Director can ok other foods that compete with child nutrition programs. This should be consistent across the state, and not have every county doing something differently. otherwise I support this section.	A/-	See Response 7
2017-07-17 14:27:47	Jillian Freeman student Barboursville Middle School Barboursville WV	Drinks that contain caffeine should not be allowed in schools. It has no nutritional value and will boost students energy for a limited amount of time before crashing.	A/-	See Response 3
2017-07-17 15:12:19	Nasia P. Butcher Principal Gilmer County High School Glenville 26351	Please remove restrictions from foods sold as fundraiser.	NA/-	Response 9: USDA Smart Snacks in School federal nutrition standards apply to any foods sold to students during the school day on the school campus, including foods sold as fundraisers.

		§126-86-6. A La Carte Sales		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Too many choices makes more wasteb	N/-	
2017-06-26 09:20:13	Kristen Ross Charleston WV	Must have healthy options.	N/o	
2017-06-26 10:58:38	Susan Sims Program Coordinator Charleston WV	No junk food	N/o	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	Healthy foods can and do taste good. Offer healthy snacks, including fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds.	N/o	
2017-06-28 23:08:03	Jodi Richmond	Do not allow sales of soda and caffeinated beverages at school	A/-	See Response 3
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charlston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-06-30 12:09:12	Rachel Sallade Registered Dietitian	I support the requirement that these sales be prohibited. These distinguish the difference	N/+	

	Kanawha County WIC Program Charleston WV	between free and reduced lunch participants vs. children that have money to spend freely on food.		
2017-07-04 06:44:32	Jim Plitt Wardensville wv	Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US. No sugar drinks in the schools	N/o	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	I support this section.	N/+	
2017-06-19 15:42:19	Brenda Arrowood Director of Food Service Wayne County Board of Education Wayne WV	8.1 add statement 10 minutes and 20 minutes after the last child has been served. Many principals want to count from the beginning of the meal to the end of the meal and not take into account the time required to get through the serving line.	A/-	Response 10: This language has been added to the policy.
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Serving students what their age levels like the best will help them eat better so make those foods available to them , Elementary students do not eat salad and it isn a filling meal either	N/o	
2017-06-26 09:20:13	Kristen Ross Charleston WV	Let children have access to water throughout the day. Allow them to use reusable refillable bottles like many healthy and active adults uses.	N/-	
2017-06-26 10:42:52	Stephanie Armstrong Charleston WV	Our children need to be offered more water at school. Water fountains are not a clean way for them to be able to have availability of fresh filtered water. Please think about this.	N/-	
2017-06-26 10:58:38	Susan Sims Program Coordinator	Water should be a preferred beverage.	N/o	

	Charleston WV			
2017-06-26 11:06:38	Elana Zambori Member National Organization for Women Morgantown WV	Drinking water, and its cleanliness, is something that should not only be addressed but taken seriously. It is saddening to see such a naturally beautiful state with what used to be a surplus of natural resources be destroyed by pollution and ignorance.	N/o	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 19:41:44	Lawrence Levine WV Parent and Grandparent Lewisburg WV	Water needs to be made accessible to all students and staff at all times through out the school day and during after school activities. It is essential to healthy life.	A/-	Response 13: Language has been added to the policy regarding making water available throughout the school day.
2017-06-26 20:45:46	Kerri wade Extension Agent WVU extension Charleston Wv	Should be available all day long	A/-	See Response 13
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	So important - it should be available at all times - healthy, quality drinking water.	A/-	See Response 13
2017-06-27 08:20:10	Joanna Director	Yes	N/+	

	Eastern regional FRN Moorefield Wv			
2017-06-28 09:28:00	Michelle Mitchell Pediatrician Morgantown WV	I think it is ridiculous that children do not have regular access to water. While I realize there are some children who could "abuse" this, I can imagine children being able to carry/maintain a water bottle with a lid will cause that much of a problem or mess. There was a water fountain in every room where I grew up and went to school and there was never an issue. Children should have the right to stay hydrated, period. We should be teaching them to do that and if there is related misbehavior, then address it like one would any other infraction.	A/-	See Response 13
2017-06-28 23:08:03	Jodi Richmond	Provide clean drinking water in all schools and bottled water available for purchase	A/-	See Response 13
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charlston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-06-30 22:28:11	Jo Perez Retired School Psychologist Alderson WV	this is incredibly important as some schools don have safe water. Our kids deserve the safest and cleanest water available. Regular water testing should be conducted in the schools.	N/+	
2017-07-04 06:44:32	Jim Plitt Wardensville wv	Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US. No sugar drinks in the schools	N/o	
2017-07-07	April Andrews	Offer small bottles of water to students during	N/o	

07:46:50	Community Member WVBOE Elkview WV	gym and or recess and definitely at meal times.		
2017-07-10 14:15:01	ALICIA LYONS FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST WVDHHR, TAYLOR COUNTY PATCH COALITION, FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK, ALL ABOARD GRAFTON GRAFTON WV	DRINKING WATER SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF; IN AREAS WHERE THE WATER SUPPLY ISNT IDEAL, FILTERED WATER SPOUTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT EVERY WATER FOUNTAIN. STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO REFILL THEIR OWN BOTTLES AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.		
2017-07-13 12:06:47	Brenda Isaac Lead School Nurse Kanawha County Schools Charleston WV	Water should always be available and students should be encouraged to drink it.	N/+	
2017-07-14 13:40:36	Laura Dice parent St Albans WV	Ask middle and high school students about whether they drink from the water fountain. They think its gross and most don use it. A study just came outtalking about lack of clean drinking water availability and perception of safe drinking water in schools. Only half of middle and high school students attend school where the administrator reported that the drinking fountains were very clean. Administrators perceived the drinking fountains to be clean in 93% of middle schools and 91% of high schools. Access to clean, free drinking water is an important strategy		

		to increase the consumption of water among youth, which may lead to reduced obesity. I believe we should offer filtered water bottle stations in all WV schools!!		
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	I support this section.	N/+	
		§126-86-8. Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Serving foods students like makes happier student, better test scores and less waste	N/o	
2017-06-26 09:20:13	Kristen Ross Charleston WV	Eating slowly allows a person to realize they are full.	N/o	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 20:45:46	Kerri wade Extension Agent WVU extension Charleston Wv	Meal time should be enjoyable with students having 20-25 to eat AFTER being served which means the last student in the line should not be rushed	A/-	See Response 10
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department	Students must not be rushed! Allow time to consume their meals.	A/-	See Response 10

	Bardane WV			
2017-06-30 09:30:21	Cate Weber Youth Services Director Vienna Public Library Vienna WV	Lunch times need to be long enough so that the last student in a lunch line has at least 25 minutes to eat their lunch. In addition, please encourage schools to reverse the trend of having recess after lunch. Recess should be before lunch, so children do not rush through lunch because they are excited to play. In addition, if they play before they eat, they will be more likely to eat more food and schools will not have as much food thrown away at the end of lunch time.	N/+	
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charleston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-06-30 12:09:12	Rachel Sallade Registered Dietitian Kanawha County WIC Program Charleston WV	It takes each individual ~20 minutes to know we are satiated. When children have a small amount of time to eat and socialize, sometimes this leads to ignoring hunger and fullness cues, which is a large component of keeping a healthy weight. There should be a designated requirement for meal time length.	N/+	
2017-06-30 22:28:11	Jo Perez Retired School Psychologist Alderson WV	30 minutes is a reasonable time for lunch.	N/-	
2017-07-10 14:15:01	ALICIA LYONS FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST	IT IS RIDICULOUS TO THINK IT IS HEALTHY FOR ANYONE TO CONSUME THEIR MEAL IN 15 OR 20 MINUTES. AT	N/-	

	WVDHHR, TAYLOR COUNTY PATCH COALITION, FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK, ALL ABOARD GRAFTON GRAFTON WV	THE VERY LEAST STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM OF 30 MINUTES TO EAT; STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT YOU TEND TO EAT LESS IF YOU CAN EAT SLOWER BECAUSE YOU HAVE TIME TO FEEL FULL. I ALSO THINK HAVING LUNCH AT 10:30AM IS SUPER RIDICULOUS. THEY JUST HAD BREAKFAST AT 8AM AND THEN THEYRE HAVING LUNCH. THIS HAPPENED TO MY KINDERGARTNER THIS PAST YEAR. BY TIME SCHOOL WAS DONE, SHE WAS STARVING. NO LUNCH PERIOD SHOULD START BEFORE 11AM. THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER WAY TO SCHEDULE THESE LUNCH PERIODS TO ACCOMMODATE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS.		
2017-07-13 08:36:53	Arlene Leonard Inwood WV	Administrators and teachers need to respect this policy. Unfortunately they respect their bell system more.	N/o	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	I support this section.	N/+	
2017-07-17 14:27:47	Jillian Freeman student Barboursville Middle School Barboursville WV	Twenty minutes is not enough time to eat lunch. For some students this is the only healthy meal they receive. If they do not have enough time to eat then they will won eat everything on their tray. I think 30 minutes after serving would be best. Especially in middle and high school where	N/-	

		students aren provided recess like in the elementary.		
		§ 126-86-9. Staffing.		
2017-06-19 15:42:19	Brenda Arrowood Director of Food Service Wayne County Board of Education Wayne WV	9.1.a.4 Temporary for 3 years then permanent as long as the director completes the 12 hours of CEUs per year.	N/+	
2017-06-23 11:51:48	Hollie Best Child Nutrition Director Wood County Schools Parkersburg WV	No where in the staffing does it mention the Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Since this is required, I do feel that it should be mentioned in policy. As required by the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, the Professional Standards for State and Local Nutrition Program Personnel Final Rule was published on March 2, 2015 and becomes effective on July 1, 2015. This Final Rule defines hiring standards for new state directors of school nutrition programs, state directors of distributing agencies that oversee USDA Foods, and school nutrition program directors for both self-preparation facilities and Local Education Agencies/School Food Authorities (LEA/SFA) that contract with food service management companies (FSMC). The	N/-	

		Final Rule also requires all school food service personnel to complete annual continuing education/training requirements. The implementation of Professional Standards is intended to ensure that school nutrition professionals that administer, manage and operate the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program have adequate knowledge and training to meet program requirements. The overall goal is to improve the quality of school meals, reduce errors, and enhance program integrity.		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Adquate staffing is a must no one should ever be working alone and under staffing make changes of injury highet	N/o	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	Have adequate adult support and attention available, overseeing the eating situation, creating a calm and appropriate eating environment.	N/o	
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	

	Charlston WV			
2017-06-30 12:09:12	Rachel Sallade Registered Dietitian Kanawha County WIC Program Charleston WV	I support staff having a requirement of 15 continuing education hours yearly. The staff should be educated on basics, as they play a large role in the majority of meals these children are eating.	N/-	
2017-07-05 15:00:02	Angela Amick Principal Panther Creek Elementary School Nettie WV	Who will be the person designated to check foods from outside sources for classroom parties, and what credentials should the staff member have?	N/-	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	I support this section.	N/+	
		§ 126-86-10. Local Wellness Policy.		
2017-06-19 07:09:55	Jessica Walden Dietetics Student Marshall University/Mother/Homer oom Mother at Public School/Citizen Ona WV	Contact Registered Dietitians about how wellness is linked to adequate and healthy food and beverage intake. Take a stand and stay strong, West Virginia, to influence positive, true healthy education for public school children - the world around them will teach them all of the sugar and convenience foods. The public school system should be TEACHING what it takes to keep a healthy body and mind. TEACHING students HOW TO COOK, HOW TO SHOP (budget), WHAT TO EAT for balanced health and growth.	N/o	
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook	Not even sure I agree with this policy	N/-	

	Harrison county cook Shinnston WV			
2017-06-26 10:42:52	Stephanie Armstrong Charleston WV	Please ensure that each child has mandatory physical education and recess daily in school. We all grew up with a morning recess and afternoon recess, outside running and playing not just sitting on ipads or phones, our children need to move.	N/o	
2017-06-26 11:56:16	Mystik Miller AmeriCorps volunteer Greenbrier County Health Alliance Lewisburg WV	Encourage our local policies to exceed the federal standard.	NA/-	See Response 8
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 14:12:21	Angela Carver Morgantown West	Should READ: Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt nutrition or physical activity policies that exceed or strengthen the federal minimum standards.	N/+	
2017-06-26 14:31:47	Laura Phillips Agency Relations Mountaineer Food Bank Gassaway WV	School food pantries and backpack programs could be incorporated in these Local Wellness Policies.	N/o	
2017-06-26	Ardyth Gilbertson	Should be in place at all schools. Wellness is	N/+	

22:42:55	RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	more than the absence of illness, it is the presence of opportunities to make healthy choices - about foods, about physical activity, mindfulness, about friends, about recreation, about avoiding drugs, alcohol and smoking - understanding their responsibilities to their family and community.		
2017-06-27 08:20:10	Joanna Director Eastern regional FRN Moorefield Wv	Have a wellness center at school for mental and physical health	NA/o	
2017-06-27 19:03:10	Timothy Lefeber Pediatrician Morgantown WV	Proposed change to 126-86-10 should read--- >Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt nutrition or physical activity policies that exceed or strengthen the federal minimum standards.	A/-	See Response 8
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charlston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-06-30 12:09:12	Rachel Sallade Registered Dietitian Kanawha County WIC Program Charleston WV	I support this requirement, minimally to Federal standards.	N/+	
2017-06-30 16:42:25	Jamie Jeffrey, MD, FAAP Medical Director, CAMC	The revision as written "...Food and beverages sold and otherwise made available	A	Response 8: Additional

	HealthyKids Wellness & Weight Management Charleston WV We	("PROVIDED") on the school campus during the school day are consistent with applicable minimum federal standards" seems to imply the bar be set at "minimum". Again, if our goal is to meet best practices, this section needs re-written to make all aware that the LEA local wellness policies are an opportunity for school districts to meet "best practices" related to health, nutrition and food safety." HHFKA states, "the final rule expands the requirements to strengthen wellness policies". IOM and CDC best practices for nutrition standards specify standards related to competitive foods and beverages provided a la carte, in school snack bars, stores, vending and during other school activities (classroom parties, fundraisers or school meetings). I suggest that the sentence above be re-written to encourage stricter policies OR that the content requirements be expanded to include: (from HHFKA final rule) 1. Specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. LEAs are required to review and consider evidence-based strategies in determining these goals. 2. Standards for nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school day that are consistent with Federal regulations for: School meal nutrition standards, and the Smart Snacks in		language has been added to this section which further expands upon the components and requirements of the federally-mandated local wellness policies.

		School nutrition standards. 3. Standards for all foods and beverages provided, but not sold, to students during the school day (e.g. in classroom parties, classroom snacks brought by parents, or other foods given as incentives). 4. Policies for food and beverage marketing that allow marketing and advertising of only those foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. 5. Description of public involvement, public updates, policy leadership, and evaluation plan. Since the section on snack options (126-86-10) and Marketing other foods (126-86-6) from 2014 Policy 4321.1 has been removed, then it should be explicitly added to this Local Wellness Policy section.		
2017-07-07 15:05:05	Jessica Dianellos Coordinator KEYS 4 HealthyKids Charleston WV	Rather than making our kids food and beverages "consistent with applicable minimum standards", I would prefer to set the bar higher with standards that exceed minimum standards.	N/-	
2017-07-07 18:56:45	Judith Peascoe Mrs. Vienna WV	Each County must develop School a Local Wellness Program that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness COunculs may develop nutrition and activity standards that exceed or strengthen the Federal Minimum Standards.	A/-	See Response 8
2017-07-07 20:17:28	Warren Peascoe Dr Vienna wv	Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office	A/-	See Response 8

		of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt nutrition or physical activity policies that exceed or strengthen the federal minimum standards		
2017-07-10 14:15:01	ALICIA LYONS FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST WVDHHR, TAYLOR COUNTY PATCH COALITION, FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK, ALL ABOARD GRAFTON GRAFTON WV	THE OVERALL WELLNESS OF OUR STUDENTS SHOULD INCLUDE HEALTHY FOODS, STUDYING AGRICULTURE, AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. MORE ACTIVITIES REGARDING MINDFULNESS SHOULD BE OFFERED SUCH AS MEDITATION AND YOGA TO HELP TEACH THE STUDENTS TO MANAGE STRESS AS WELL AS IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH. THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE WORKED WONDERS FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS REGARDING STRESS LEVELS AND ANXIETY OF THE STUDENTS AS WELL AS BEHAVIOR ISSUES.	N/o	
2017-07-13 12:06:47	Brenda Isaac Lead School Nurse Kanawha County Schools Charleston WV	Its not enough to for Local Wellness Policies to meet "minimum" standards. We aren about doing the least to get by. we should be meeting evidenced best practice and WVDE has a responsibility to assist local wellness committees in doing this. Our children deserve better than the minimum.	N/-	
2017-07-14 13:40:36	Laura Dice parent St Albans WV	Best practices as identified by CDC and or Institute of Medicine are the gold standard. Lets offer WV kids the gold standard! Standards		

		should include food brought from outside sources to all students such as at parties and school wide functions. It is in our best interest of the state to continue creating a culture of health where healthy choices are demonstrated by the public school system. It is a great opportunity in our state to accomplish a shift in culture to celebrate health! Our kids learn from teachers, administrators, cafeteria staff, etc and will grow up believing what they are served is what is best for them. Please consider the adding the following to this section: 1. Specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. LEAs are required to review and consider evidence-based strategies in determining these goals. 2. Standards for nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school days that are consistent with Federal regulations for: School meal nutrition standards, and the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. 3. Standards for all foods and beverages provided, but not sold, to students during the school day (e.g. in classroom parties, classroom snacks brought by parents, or other foods given as incentives). 4. Policies for food and beverage marketing that allow marketing and advertising of only those foods and beverages		

		that meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. 5. Description of public involvement, public updates, policy leadership, and evaluation plan. Since the section on snack options (126-86-10) and Marketing other foods (126-86-6) from 2014 Policy 4321.1 has been removed, then it should be explicitly added to this Local Wellness Policy section.		
2017-07-17 13:06:31	Olivia Turman Student Barboursville WV	We as students and children are the future to this world, so do we not deserve to be able to voice our personal opinions about wellness? Do we not deserve to have what we say heard? After all, we are the ones that are going to have to run and live in this place in the future. We are the ones that see what happens from a students perspective every day and what can be approved upon. Therefore, I feel it is extremely important to have STUDENTS ACTIVE and able to give opinions on every local wellness council.	N/o	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	I support this section.	N/+	
2017-07-17 14:27:47	Jillian Freeman student Barboursville Middle School Barboursville WV	It should be a requirement for student representatives to serve on wellness councils. School wellness after all is about students, therefore we should have a say in the policies and programs in ours schools.	N/o	
2017-07-17 15:33:35	Stephanie Whitney	Due to so many children having food allergies and the potential of a child consuming something	N/-	

		that is brought into school. I strongly recommend that cupcakes, cookies, ice cream etc should be restricted. At the time of the party it is difficult to look at each label to ensure that its a safe product. Therefore, taking a risk with a younger child that may not know exactly what to avoid and relying on an individual (that may not be educated about food allergies) to make the decision. It is a concern for parents that are unable to attend school parties, and causing unnecessary worry. The children are typically happy for the healthier food options!!!!		
		§ 126-86-11. Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies.		
2017-06-19 15:42:19	Brenda Arrowood Director of Food Service Wayne County Board of Education Wayne WV	11.2 omit in the first sentence "or individual listed on a student emergency card". People can list their neighbor, friend, etc.	NA/-	
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Special diet must be followed with proper Dr paperwork and people need to pay attention and stop complaining so much when it has to be done	N/o	
2017-06-26 11:06:38	Elana Zambori Member National Organization for Women Morgantown WV	I myself, struggle with food allergies. Just like the color of a persons skin and their zodiac sign, this is an issue that many people have no control over. Therefore, needs should be met to aid and assist those with food allergies or special diets.	N/o	

2017-06-26 11:44:01	Ruth Baker Retired Elementary Counselor Beckley WV	I have a granddaughter with allergies to wheat, nuts, soy, and dairy. Classroom celebrations present special problems. Each school needs a designated person to monitor food and drinks brought into classrooms. If a school or wellness team cannot provide such a person, food for celebrations should be provided by the school to insure safety.	N/-	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 14:12:21	Angela Carver Morgantown West	Schools need to be a safe place for all kids, even kids with dietary issues and food allergies. These protections need to remain. It should read: In each West Virginia school, a staff member (i.e. School Wellness Coordinator/Coach, teacher, nurse, etc.) will be designated to monitor foods and beverages at classroom celebrations. If a designated person cannot be assigned, all classroom or school celebrations shall not include food items, unless the school provides them. School classroom celebration policies are set at each local wellness council. They must, at a minimum, follow USDA Smart Snacks guidelines and include a safety policy for foods and beverages (nutrition label, allergies, etc.).	N/-	

2017-06-26 15:47:10	Ruth Baker Retired Elementary Counselor Beckley WV	I have a granddaughter with allergies to wheat, nuts, soy, and dairy. Classroom celebrations present special problems. Each school needs a designated person to monitor food and drinks brought into classrooms. If a school or wellness team cannot provide such a person, food for celebrations should be provided by the school to insure safety.		Duplicate Statement
2017-06-26 20:45:46	Kerri wade Extension Agent WVU extension Charleston Wv	Allergies should be accommodated	N/o	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	Must be taken into account to prevent problems, issues, which can be severe or even fatal.	N/o	
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charlston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-06-30 12:09:12	Rachel Sallade Registered Dietitian Kanawha County WIC Program Charleston WV	I support that homemade foods should be continue to be restricted. Giving school staff members this responsibility is not practical, and parents of children who have severe food allergies are depending on this requirement to be kept in place.	N/-	
2017-06-30	Jamie Jeffrey, MD, FAAP	As a Pediatrician, I applaud the Nutrition		

16:42:25	Medical Director, CAMC HealthyKids Wellness & Weight Management Charleston WV We	Advisory counsel for adding this section. Why not take this to the next level to meet best practices from IOM and CDC and add language that would align the labeled food to be consistent with Smart Snack in Schools? In 11.3, second sentence, "Outside foods and beverages that are commercially prepared and/or packaged are allowable at classroom celebrations AS LONG AS THEY MEET SMART SNACKS GUIDELINES". Please see same comments and references under section 5 above. In section 11.4, "insulin dependent diabetes" should be changed to Diabetes in general since now type 2 diabetes is as common as type I or insulin dependent diabetes. If you want to cover all the metabolic disease like diabetes then you should include: 1. insulin resistance, 2. Metabolic Syndrome, 3. Pre-Diabetes and 4. Diabetes. One remaining question in this section was raised when this policy was read during Board Meeting on June 14, 2017. WHO is liable if a anaphylactic reaction occurs during a classroom party? The Board attorney stated it would be a case by case matter. Really? If Nutrition standards are lowered and then WV experiences increases in such incidents, seems as if BOE as the decision making body would be liable. (Since I am a Pediatrician and not an attorney, I sought appropriate legal counsel and posed this	A/-	Response 11: Language has been changed in the policy from “insulin-dependent diabetes” to “diabetes” – to encompass all types of this condition.

		question.)This is a policy that needs to be statewide for our childrens protection. Again, why go backward?		
2017-07-03 09:46:26	DIANE Miller CN Director KCS Board of Efucation Charleston WV	5.4 this should not fall on the shoulders of the child Nutrition director but on the Principle. The child Nutrition director should be contacted if a food product being sold, served or distributed during a meal period for acceptable standards to be met however; I have 68 schools and could never endorse or resolve all those issues at each school on every occurrence. The Principal is the master of their school... they need to be the governing agent.	A/-	See Response 7
2017-07-05 12:06:51	Laura Jarrett Teacher Nicholas County Schools Summersville WV	Does this revised section mean that each individual teacher is the designee for his own classroom to make sure that there are no known allergens? This states that baked goods are not allowed, but does this also mean no baked goods from bakeries as well that do not contain an ingredient list? Should the teachers send home a permission note to every student for celebrations? Should each food choice be included in this note? As you know, allergens to food can occur at any time. Should the school nurses be involved in planning what food to have for celebrations since they should have specific information about food allergies and other dietary restrictions? Will the students with food allergies and other dietary restrictions be excluded if they are not able to eat	A/-	Response 12: Language has been reframed to incorporate the connection between federally-mandated local wellness policies and their required component of addressing school celebrations. Districts must use their local wellness policies to identify their plan to accommodate students with special dietary needs and food allergies when choosing to allow outside

		the foods during the celebrations? Will the school nurses help to make sure that all Health Care Plans and 504 Plans are being properly followed with all accommodations of each individual student in mind? Have you considered not only the possibility of discrimination of students with 504 Plans and Health Care Plans with students with disabilities, but also the possibility of contaminants from outside food sources from individuals who are not employees of the county school systems? I ask that you reconsider this section of this policy due to the possible health risks to students with food allergies and disabilities, and because of the potential of discrimination and contamination of foods as well. Will you ensure that all school employees are properly trained in reading ingredient labels, and being able to identify all ingredients that a student could be allergic to? Will you also be able to ensure that all staff members are properly trained in being able to know the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, and how to properly administer an Epi-Pen? According to the Food Allergy and Research Education organization, there are more than 170 foods that have been reported to cause an allergic reaction. Furthermore, they estimate that 5.9 million children in the United States under the age of 18 have a food allergy. Also, more than 15% of		snacks to be provided during celebrations and other special events. School health teams can be resources for accommodating students with special dietary needs.

		children with food allergies have had a reaction at school, and 20-25% of epinephrine use in schools have been due to an unknown allergy. My county food service director and my school cooks do an excellent job of making sure that they know what foods should be served to all students. If teachers and parents that are not properly trained are permitted to choose foods for students, there will be a potential to endangering the health of our students. I respectfully ask that you reconsider allowing foods from outside the schools into our classrooms. Thank you for your consideration.		
2017-07-05 15:00:02	Angela Amick Principal Panther Creek Elementary School Nettie WV	How do you plan to protect children with life-threatening peanut allergies and children who need to be in a peanut-free environment due to doctors orders? Will this protection be addressed in the updated policy?	A/-	See Response 12
2017-07-05 15:10:14	Norma Wolverton None None Summersville WV	My grandson has a life-threatening peanut allergy, and has a doctors order that he be in a peanut-free environment. How can I be assured that this policy will keep him safe? Please be aware that my grandson could die from a peanut allergy if the WV State Board of Education does not protect him. As you know, my grandson is required, by law, to attend school. I hope that he will not be discriminated against by this policy.	A/-	See Response 12
2017-07-05 20:00:16	Jack Daugherty Retired	How well we keep students safe from life-threatening allergies and obesity in the revision of	A/-	See Response 12

	Nicholas Co BOE Summersville WV	4321.1. We must keep in mind that educators are responsible, not only for the academics, but also for the health and safety of all of our students. How do you plan to protect students that have life-threatening allergies such as peanut allergies? As a former county food service director, I was always concerned about the safety of our students with allergies, especially peanut allergies. You must be careful when allowing foods to be brought into the school for such things as parties that allergens are not in the product served.		
2017-07-07 15:05:05	Jessica Dianellos Coordinator KEYS 4 HealthyKids Charleston WV	Who will be liable if an allergic reaction occurs during a classroom celebration? The revised policy 4321.1 makes this more likely to happen since it is up to each local superintendent and wellness policy to decide if food "provided" should meet the same standards as food "sold" in regard to health or safety. I do not want my child to consume food made at a home that may or may not be sanitary. Thankfully he doesn't have any allergies identified, but many other children do and that would be very scary as a parent.	A/-	See Response 12
2017-07-07 18:56:45	Judith Peascoe Mrs. Vienna WV	If a school does not designate a staff member to supervise food distributed at school celebrations, no food or drink should be served at any school celebrations. The food and drink distributed at a celebration shall follow thwnSmrt Snacks guidelines and have adequate labels and purity to	N/-	

		protect against disease and allergies.		
2017-07-07 20:17:28	Warren Peascoe Dr Vienna wv	In each West Virginia school, a staff member (i.e. School Wellness Coordinator/Coach, teacher, nurse, etc.) will be designated to monitor foods and beverages at classroom celebrations. If a designated person cannot be assigned, all classroom or school celebrations shall not include food items, unless the school provides them. School classroom celebration policies are set at each local wellness council. They must, at a minimum, follow USDA Smart Snacks guidelines and include a safety policy for foods and beverages (nutrition label, allergies, etc.).	N/-	
2017-07-10 14:15:01	ALICIA LYONS FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST WVDHHR, TAYLOR COUNTY PATCH COALITION, FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK, ALL ABOARD GRAFTON GRAFTON WV	THIS SOMETIMES CAN BE A PAIN FOR PARENTS, BUT IT IS TOTALLY NECESSARY FOR THOSE CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES. IT CAN BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. I PERSONALLY DONT MIND THAT WE ARE RESTRICTED ON WHAT WE CAN TAKE TO PARTIES AND CELEBRATIONS; I KNOW IT MAKES SOME PARENTS MAD THAT THEY CANT BRING HOMEMADE ITEMS. THIS RULE WAS PROBABLY PUT IN PLACE FOR A GOOD	N/-	

		REASON, SO I WILL SUPPORT IT.		
2017-07-13 08:36:53	Arlene Leonard Inwood WV	Support the Special Dietary Needs form alone as the document requirement for services. The 504 and IEP, along with the Nursing forms are not enough to implement a menu/diet change. The CN Director needs to have a release to speak to the doctor requiring that change. Many times parents implement a "don like" situation with foods.	N/o	
2017-07-13 12:06:47	Brenda Isaac Lead School Nurse Kanawha County Schools Charleston WV	We need more specific language throughout this policy to limit or prohibit outside foods during parties and celebrations. Fun activities should be emphasized rather than the idea that we have to eat (often unhealthy items) in order to have fun. The state needs to be more specific about preventing allergic reactions instead of leaving this up to local discretion. State guidance is necessary! In listing conditions, other forms of Diabetes need to be added, in addition to Insulin Dependent, especially with the increase that we are seeing.	N/- A/o	See Response 11
2017-07-14 13:40:36	Laura Dice parent St Albans WV	As someone who has a peanut allergy and knows the potential fatal consequences of cross contamination and accidental ingestion of an allergen, I believe we need to think long and hard about how much risk we should take on behalf of our kids who have allergies. Is food celebration	N/-	

		worth the risk of a child having anaphylaxis? If a party is held at school and student does have anaphylaxis who would be responsible? Who would be sued? I for one would not want to be the parent responsible for being in charge of the party foods. Also, we need to consider children who are at risk of insulin shock or too high or low blood sugar. This is also life threatening. In addition you may want to consider adding the following: If you want to cover all the metabolic disease like diabetes then you should include: 1. insulin resistance, 2. Metabolic Syndrome, 3. Pre-Diabetes and 4. Diabetes.	A/-	See Response 11
2017-07-16 01:03:07	Kelli Caseman Director, Child Health West Virginians for Affordable Health Care Charleston WV	This section is crucial. Id like to humbly request that the parties personally responsible for enforcing the policy, and ensuring food safety, be added. When it comes to potential allergic reactions, the level of responsibility must be clear.	A/-	See Response 12
2017-07-16 12:39:34	Kimberly Earl Charleston WV	As the parent of 2 allergic children, a pediatric cancer survivor with dietary concerns and a prediabetic child in the WV School System it is of utmost importance to me that this policy protect children with special dietary concerns. Given that: -1 in every 13 children has a food allergy* -30 percent of children with food allergies are allergic to more than one food.*		

		-A survey of more than 6,000 schools participating in EpiPen4Schools® revealed more than one in five anaphylactic events occurred in a patient with NO KNOWN ALLERGIES.** Language that appears to allow foods without a proper FDA approved nutrition label, such as from a local bakery, is extremely dangerous. Cake boxes are readily available at a variety of local stores, making it quite easy for someone to prepare a cake at home, put it in a fancy box and pass it off as store bought. In addition to the risk the lack of proper label poses to children with allergies, all forms of diabetes, Chrons disease, Celiacs disease and other health concerns, in the state with the largest drug epidemic in the nation, this puts our children at risk of consuming unsafe foods. In addition to being concerned about the dangers for children with special dietary concerns, I am a healthy foods advocate. I prefer to see our celebration time used to encourage children to eat healthy and be active. Celebrations that focus on physical activity, music and art are far more valuable than those that focus on cupcakes and other unhealthy treats.	A/-	See Response 12

		I would prefer to see a policy that directs our schools to practice FOOD FREE parties. At the VERY LEAST, I would prefer stronger language that only permits foods that: 1. Adhere to Smart Snacks standards. 2. Are store bought. 3. Must contain FDA approved ingredient and nutrition label. Health and safety of students is not a matter of *local control.* Their welfare should not depend on which county they live in. All WV children have an EQUAL RIGHT to be healthy and safe in school settings, and thus should be protected by the policies of this state board. *From FARE Statistics **From Mylan EpiPen4Schools statistics		
2017-07-16 15:56:14	Debbie wright Charleston WV	Please do not take a step backward. In the last few years we have made progress and put West Virginia in a good light as far as child nutrition goes. Child nutrition and safety should be priority one for us as a state not just on certain local levels. West Virginia adults are some of the most unhealthy in the entire nation, lets make sure that this trend does not continue for our children We have an opportunity to be a leader instead of coming in last place as usual.	N/-	

2017-07-17 07:53:42	Samantha Maroney Teachers Aide Pikeside Learning Center Martinsburg WV	As a teacher and a parent of an allergic child in the WV School System it is of utmost importance to me that this policy protect children with special dietary concerns. Given that: -1 in every 13 children has a food allergy* -30 percent of children with food allergies are allergic to more than one food.* -A survey of more than 6,000 schools participating in EpiPen4Schools® revealed more than one in five anaphylactic events occurred in a patient with NO KNOWN ALLERGIES.** Language that appears to allow foods without a proper FDA approved nutrition label, such as from a local bakery, is extremely dangerous. Cake boxes are readily available at a variety of local stores, making it quite easy for someone to prepare a cake at home, put it in a fancy box and pass it off as store bought. In addition to the risk the lack of proper label poses to children with allergies, all forms of diabetes, Chrons disease, Celiacs disease and other health concerns, in the state with the largest drug epidemic in the nation, this puts our children at risk of consuming unsafe foods.	N/-	

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2017-07-17	Stephanie Clinton	I feel the change in policy is almost forcing us to		

08:19:07	Parkersburg Wv	home school our children. Its the state officials saying to our families that our children are not important. When accommodations are made for every disability but food allergies, it is discrimination. If no one can agree on how to handle it keep food out of celebrations at school. The children do not need junk food to celebrate at school. If everyone can not be included, no good should be provided. I see many lawsuits coming from this if a child ends up having a reaction at school.	N/-	
2017-07-17 09:34:05	Ena Haynes Parent and LSIC Chair Ruffner Elementary Charleston WV	My son has a severe peanut allergy. Every time a parent provides food he is at risk. At Edgewood Elementary children would taunt him with food that would kill him. Children cannot bring plastic weapons to school on Halloween please so not allow them to bring (even accidentally) something far more dangerous to the many children with allergies. You should visit a school and stand in the kitchen to see the pictures of childrens posted with the list of allergies. Parents cannot possibly understand what is safe to provide for "celebrations." Kids love food free parties because they are more fun and all children can enjoy them. If not for the excellent Principal and Staff at Ruffner who have always put safety first we would homeschool.	N/-	

2017-07-17 09:43:52	Matthew Miller Student Wv	Im a student in 4th grade.iworry that if more food from homes are allowed that I will have another problem at school with my lips and tongue swelling. I don want to be scared at school or risk dying Matthew.	N/-	
2017-07-17 10:27:49	Rebecca Petry Charleston WV	As a parent of a child with multiple life threatening food allergies, it is extremely important to our family that our child not only be safe but also included at all school functions. Requiring that foods that come into her school building be in a sealed package and have a nutrition label that includes the FDAs top 8 allergens is imperative to her safety and the safety of all students. Home made foods should never, at any time, be allowed to be served to students. Not only does that put students with food allergies at risk, but is a risk within itself considering food from home kitchens are not inspected for safety.	N/-	
2017-07-17 10:32:45	J. Parent Parent Putnam WV	I have two small children in elementary a school allergies consisting of 4 of the 8 top allergens. it is constant worry when my children are not around me regarding food. Is the teacher going to bring in something special for the class-?i Is she going to contact me before my kid eats it? What if my kid eats it and has a reaction? There is no Epi pen in classroom? The teacher not trained to give the Epi pen? How much the is list before a	N/-	

		reaction is recognized? What if my kid can eat it.? how much time do I have and what inconvenience under short notice do I have to find or make a treat for my kid so they are not excluded?or will they have to eat something different from the class and the class gets the "cool treat". When you have a child with allergies it is a constant worry.... each party...each event. i live this way 24/7. When Im not with my child and they are with the school. The school is responsible for my child and their safety. Last year with this ban was listed it was a free for all. Within one week I had encountered multiple issues. I had one teacher message me the day it was lifted asking if I could bring my kid a treat the next day because the class was having cupcakes. So that night I was up at 9 pm making cupcakes so that my kids looked like the class cupcakes. Because I can go buy a cupcake with their allergens excluded locally. Then the same week another child with another cookie issue and i had to call New York and leave two messages and emails to see if my child could have that specific cookie. Third issue same week- I had emails send in class group asking for cupcakes for an event. Allergies not addressed. Someone volunteered to bring in cupcakes from a bakery that had no labels nothing. When you go online bakery was filled with cross contaminated items		

		and peanut and tree nuts. Allergies never acknowledged from group despite two nut allergies in the class . What if. Hadn intervened. Would the other parents of the allergy kid know. Those cupcakes were being brought into class? why should this be a worry when go to school to be educated and supposed to be made to feel included. Kids die from allergies. Bullying is also big. Read the news and google . Just because you don hear about it doesn mean it doesn happen. Im all for my kids having celebrations. However, rules get stretched... eventually you get get known as "the allergy parent" or "the allergy kid" and you get talked about for just trying to keep your kids safe. Its dangerous.... Faulty and staff have no idea what a parent of an allergy child would allow unless a parent is contacted about each package and teachers are not required to have epi pen training... Epi pens are not on the child and not in the room and there are 20/1 ratio...why is the school changing rules and taking the chance of risking a childs life. If its not broke don fix it. The celebrations have worked for years....why cause any more anxiety. You will never understand what its like until youve dealt with this as your child... grandchild etc. I am in the state of worry as school is approaching. New teachers... new classmates... this is not as big of a deal if your child does not have allergies but fir		

		an allergy parent the communication is key .		
2017-07-17 10:46:27	Kenzi Brown Kenova WV	As a food allergy parent and advocate I strongly ask you to continue to address celebrations in the classroom as part of the WV Nutrition Policy. Every child should have the right to feel safe and protected in the classroom. By not limiting or banning food related celebrations in classrooms across the state, you are inviting food allergic children (or any of those with a dietary restriction i.e diabetes) to being exposed to their allergens and risk a trip to the ER...or death. WV has been a national leader in effecting change and making the best decisions for our children and their health and lets continue in the right direction and not fall backwards and flat on the responsibilities of protecting our community as a whole. Classrooms should be a safe environment and policies should be in place to keep food out of them universally. Birthday parties can be celebrated with games or crafts and do not need a cake or cupcake to feel special. The welfare of our children should not depend on the county they reside and instead all WV children should have an EQUAL right to safety and protection and should be addressed in the policies of the West Virginia Department of Education. Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust you will do what is right and best for our	N/-	

		children.		
2017-07-17 10:53:02	Lucy Burrows Charleston wv	As the parent of a child with Type 1 Diabetes in the WV School System it is of utmost importance to me that this policy protect children with special dietary concerns. Given that: -1 in every 13 children has a food allergy* -30 percent of children with food allergies are allergic to more than one food.* -A survey of more than 6,000 schools participating in EpiPen4Schools® revealed more than one in five anaphylactic events occurred in a patient with NO KNOWN ALLERGIES.** Language that appears to allow foods without a proper FDA approved nutrition label, such as from a local bakery, is extremely dangerous. Cake boxes are readily available at a variety of local stores, making it quite easy for someone to prepare a cake at home, put it in a fancy box and pass it off as store bought. In addition to the risk the lack of proper label poses to children with allergies, all forms of diabetes, Chrons disease, Celiacs disease and other health concerns, in the state with the largest drug epidemic in the nation, this puts our children at risk of consuming unsafe foods.	N/-	

		In addition to being concerned about the dangers for children with special dietary concerns, I am a healthy foods advocate. I prefer to see our celebration time used to encourage children to eat healthy and be active. Celebrations that focus on physical activity, music and art are far more valuable than those that focus on cupcakes and other unhealthy treats. I would prefer to see a policy that directs our schools to practice FOOD FREE parties. At the VERY LEAST, I would prefer stronger language that only permits foods that: 1. Adhere to Smart Snacks standards. 2. Are store bought. 3. Must contain FDA approved ingredient and nutrition label. Health and safety of students is not a matter of *local control.* Their welfare should not depend on where they live. All WV children have an EQUAL RIGHT to be healthy and safe in school settings, and thus should be protected by the policies of this board.		
2017-07-17 11:47:58	Jenny Anderson Huntington West	One last comment on this last day of public comments-	N/-	

		If you read the language in WV Legislature Bill 2014 (the Cupcake Bill), the word "homemade" is not the issue. The issue is that these "few" parents, who I must assume have some type of friendly personal connection with the delegates that introduced the bill, (their) issue is that they only want permission to bring sweets into the school. The current policy already allows sweet treats into the classroom parties AS LONG AS THEY MEET NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES AND ARE PREPACKAGED, and the proposed policy allows ANY SWEET TREATS INTO THE CLASSROOM PARTIES AS LONG AS IT HAS A LABEL. So it seems to me, both the WV BOE and the parents who do not see the value in healthy classroom party options have already won their battle. So why was WV BOE President Campbell so upset??? FYI... We are DESTROYING years of hard work done by OCN and others to aid in preventing chronic childhood disease. And if you DO NOT believe that this is happening, then you have to accept that at a minimum it is simply in NOT "COMMON SENSE" to take the "healthier food		

		choices safety and nutritionally off the table. Why are we as adults continuously NOT wanting to "DO THE RIGHT THING .. BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO"? It is wrong and in my opinion, inhumane to treat our WV children this way. It takes away all hope for our future and current school children, halts preventative health care measures, and stunts future economic development for our state. IN other words, believe it or not will bankrupt our state further. Would a child choose a high sugar treat over a low sugar treat..perhaps. But they would also choose a video game over playing outside if we adults were not their to lead by example and supervise. THIS is "COMMON SENSE". I will leave you with this, Senator Joe Manchin spoke directly to a large group of elementary school kids at the Fittest School Competition just a few weeks ago, This event was hosted by the WVDE. He said (I am paraphrasing but do have it on video).. "I didn like seat belts when it became the law. But it was my children who convinced me that it was the right thing to do BECAUSE it was something that they learned in school." He went on to tell this group of youth that it was up to them to make good choices when it came to eating healthy and getting		

		physically active. He told them that THEY could teach the adults something. He also eluded to them that it does affect our healthcare and economy. Let us not be hypocrites, let us be shining examples and help our children. Jenny		
2017-07-17 13:06:31	Olivia Turman Student Barboursville WV	When I was in my first years of elementary school, I loved having classroom parties and getting the sweet, sugary treats that came with them. As kids we all love the sensational taste of a moist cupcake or a gooey chocolate chip cookie, but we aren't taught about what makes these things so delicious. Once I learned, my perspective as to what should be served during our school day quickly changed. As we got a little bit older, children started to get just as excited about a fresh slice of watermelon as they were to get something sugary. We get plenty of baked goods at our own homes. While we are at school, we should have adults that demonstrate to us and help us find healthier alternatives. We know that having healthy options at fundraisers, in our classrooms, during meals, and yes, at our concession stands can benefit us greatly. Sugary foods do not benefit our academic performance in the slightest, so why are they continuously served to us on a silver platter? At the minimum, we feel that we should be given the opportunity to choose	N/-	

		a healthier option. This brings me to my next point, healthy concession stands. Our concession stands serve greasy, fried foods. These aren't the types of foods that will help our athletes compete to their best potential. After observing this problem, a friend and I, under our local wellness council, built a healthy concession stand cart titled "Wheelie Good Foods." Our primary goal was to show kids everywhere that healthy foods are accessible AND can taste great! We will also have a bike that you can pedal to blend your own smoothie! This gives a hands on approach and shows that healthy snacks can also be fun to make. So if you see us around, make sure to stop by and get a healthy treat! In conclusion, this is something that myself and others are passionate about, and we hope that you take our thoughts into consideration.		
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	11.2, 11.3- I do not support most of these sections. Food should not be brought in from outside for any reason. I have issues with who is taking responsibility for screening incoming foods. This is a big responsibility for a staff person, and is a liability for the school system. It is not always easy to determine ingredients from a food label, even if it is a commercially prepared item, and foods from home should be prohibited totally. In addition to the safety and nutrition concerns, it excludes children with allergies or	N/-	

		other health issues who should not have the food. And when you look at WV kids health risks, really no one needs a cupcake. Parties should center around physical activity and other sorts of special activities that are not centered around food. 11.4 - should just reference diabetes since Type 2 Diabetes also on the increase in WV kids.		
2017-07-17 14:27:47	Jillian Freeman student Barboursville Middle School Barboursville WV	Why should food even be served for school parties? Why can students be given time to participate in fun games or activities instead of eating? I am now in middle school and we do not have parties, so why is it so important to be able to serve food at elementary parties? I have a friend with severe food allergies and she should not be penalized for not being able to eat a cupcake or made to feel bad because her mom has to provide something else to eat. I have started a healthy concessions food cart for my community to provide healthier food options and to educate others about the importance of being healthy. I run track and cross country when I go to meets which are often immediately after school the only food options available at the concession are fried, high in fat and sugar foods which are poor choices for runners because they don't fuel their bodies. My cart would provide not only athletes but other children in my community with healthier food choices and it will teach them	N/-	

		about being healthy.		
2017-07-17 15:34:08	Tadd Haynes Parent Charleston WV	-Please consider changing policy to allow ONLY school supplied foods at celebrations. Outside foods brought in by parents IN ANY CASE, should be avoided. There seems to be continued confusion around the life threatening nature of certain food allergies, such as peanut. This policy is an opportunity to strengthen safety precautions. -I would suggest that "food allergies" and other dietary restrictions be more fully verified through some process, such as physician or religious leader signature. School staff seem to be getting countless requests from families due to "preferences" or "intolerances." These need to be differentiated from an life-threatening, anaphylaxis triggering allergy. Frankly, there needs to be a better way to control for parents that are susceptible to dietary myths they have read on Facebook.	N/-	
2017-07-17 15:53:13	Mary E Maroney PreK Coordinator / Administrator Berkeley County Schools MARTINSBURG WV	We must protect the children with allergies. No food should be brought into the schools with or without labels. There are continually recalls on food that have been contaminated "accidentally". Parties should be held at homes.. not school. The celebrations that take place in school should be food free... thats what the children want... activities... not food. Time engaged with parents,	N/-	

		not eating food that will not fuel their minds or bodies. this should not be left open to the counties to decide. It needs to be a state policy that forbids food being brought in and served to the children. There are too many health concerns and the counties need help (and backing) of the state to say no to bringing in food and the serving of unhealthy foods.		
		§ 126-86-12. Accountability and Compliance		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Everyone should be held accountable now just one or two it is your job to know your jib	N/o	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	Must have these in place to ensure high quality and safety!	N/o	
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charlston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-06-30	Jamie Jeffrey, MD, FAAP	So what happens if schools repeatedly do NOT		

16:42:25	Medical Director, CAMC HealthyKids Wellness & Weight Management Charleston WV We	follow nutrition policy? We all know it still happens. We also know that is much better now that it ever has been. We have already been through the toughest part of the nutrition standards implementation. One reason it got better was the penalty outlined in policy 4321.1 13/2 a. b and c that outlined consequences of not following policy such as recovery of federal reimbursements or local general funds or removal of vending machines.	N/-	
2017-07-01 13:50:35	Lois Williams Mr. Monongalia County Schools Morgantown WV	Our school recycles our leftovers to a local pig farm in our area. Someone from the farm picks up our leftovers daily. It is interesting that the pig farm does not want ANY beef or PROCESSED meat to feed to their pigs,because it has antibiotics and other things in it. I have to wonder what the students and their parents think of this fact. The farmers don want their pigs to have what we are feeding our children.	N/o	
2017-07-05 15:00:02	Angela Amick Principal Panther Creek Elementary School Nettie WV	Who will be responsible for training the staff members regarding this policy? Will procedures be in place for non-compliance of this policy?	N/o	
2017-07-13 12:06:47	Brenda Isaac Lead School Nurse Kanawha County Schools Charleston WV	Accountability needs to be stricter and consequences immediate. Once again we are talking about the health and safety of our students. Please stop backpedaling.	N/-	
2017-07-14	Laura Dice	We need accountability for schools not following		

13:40:36	parent St Albans WV	policy. I support removal of school funding for not complying with nutrition policies.	N/-	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	What happened to the penalties for non-compliance? Should be added back into this policy.	N/-	
		§ 126-86-13. Feed to Achieve – Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and a student should never be denied a meal or extra if they want itb	N/o	
2017-06-26 08:42:12	Sam Zizzi Morgantown WV	Feed to achieve has unintended consequences related to obesity. Only fresh fruit and vegg should be provided, not processed garbage like "superdonuts". The kids who have the least should not be given garbage to eat.	N/-	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/o	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	We need to be creative so that all children are fed a healthy meal, and can therefor be ready to do their best in school. If they are hungry, they cannot focus	N/+	
2017-06-27 07:35:25	Linda OBrien 1944	When children eat a healthy breakfast with a good source of protein they do not get hungry as	N/+	

	Shepherdstown West	quickly and can do better in school, like sitting still and learning.		
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charlston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-06-30 16:42:25	Jamie Jeffrey, MD, FAAP Medical Director, CAMC HealthyKids Wellness & Weight Management Charleston WV We	Excellent!! Again, another area beside WV nutrition standards that OCN has led the charge and received national recognition. WV has been #1 on a national level for the past 2 years for school breakfast participation. (Refer to scorecard on OCN site)	N/+	
2017-06-30 22:28:11	Jo Perez Retired School Psychologist Alderson WV	Kids learn better when they have had a nutritious breakfast.	N/+	
2017-07-07 07:46:50	April Andrews Community Member WVBOE Elkview WV	Offer healthy foods for breakfast instead of carb filled sweets and artery clogging meats. Bacon should be changed to turkey bacon only, no sausage or gravy and biscuits. Instead offer fresh fruit, yogurt, oatmeal in different flavors, no chocolate milk, no pancakes. Instead offer some of these items once a week, maybe on Fridays.	N/-	
2017-07-07 15:05:05	Jessica Dianellos Coordinator KEYS 4 HealthyKids Charleston WV	Great work WVDE Office of Child Nutrition for receiving national recognition for the past 2 years for school breakfast participation!!	N/+	
2017-07-13	Arlene Leonard	Principals need to understand that this is policy	N/o	

08:36:53	Inwood WV	and not their individual school environments choice. More state level support needs to address this issue.		
2017-07-14 13:40:36	Laura Dice parent St Albans WV	I like that you e giving breakfast out and many free breakfasts. However, the sugar content in breakfasts is so high. I believe we should follow American Heart Association guidelines for 25 grams of added sugar or less per day.	N/-	
2017-07-16 01:03:07	Kelli Caseman Director, Child Health West Virginians for Affordable Health Care Charleston WV	What a great program!	N/+	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	I support this section.	N/+	
2017-07-17 15:53:13	Mary E Maroney PreK Coordinator / Administrator Berkeley County Schools MARTINSBURG wv	Please get the food out of the classrooms! Otherwise agree!	N/-	
		§ 126-86-14. Rewards and Penalties.		
2017-06-20 10:34:55	Tamela Jack Teacher Barbour County Schools Philippi Wv	Teachers should be allowed create lessons using food and cooking. Students are very involved with learning.	N/o	
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook	Stop threatening people who don't comply put actions to work	N/o	

	Harrison county cook Shinnston WV			
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 20:45:46	Kerri wade Extension Agent WVU extension Charleston Wv	There should be no rewards or penalties associated with meals	N/+	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	A combination that works to motivate students and staff - based on communications back and forth.	N/o	
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charlston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-06-30 12:09:12	Rachel Sallade Registered Dietitian Kanawha County WIC Program Charleston WV	Food should not be used as a reward or penalty, research has shown that this leads to emotional eating in the future- associating happy times with junk foods or comfort foods. Emotional eating is also a component in the obesity epidemic our state is facing today.	N/+	
2017-06-30 16:42:25	Jamie Jeffrey, MD, FAAP Medical Director, CAMC	Excellent!!!!	N/+	

	HealthyKids Wellness & Weight Management Charleston WV We			
2017-07-05 20:00:16	Jack Daugherty Retired Nicholas Co BOE Summersville WV	Food service directors must have way to combat non-compliance.	N/o	
2017-07-13 08:36:53	Arlene Leonard Inwood WV	There needs to be more support and attention to the outstanding accounts. We send a wrong message to our secondary level students, nor teach them responsibility for their future when they have no consequences for meal accounts. I support the counties that have tried to reduce their outstanding debts by restricting student participation in extra curricular activities and privileges. Driving a car to school and obtaining a parking permit, while the school system provides transportation is a privilege. The counties should be allowed to make those decisions based upon outstanding student debts, including textbooks, uniforms, and meal accounts. They cannot continue to pay for the food products, non-food product requirements, and staff without funds. Requiring payment for services rendered is an elementary concept in society. There is a system provided for families in need to obtain free/reduced meals. When parents neglect their paperwork, the unpaid accounts grow and the county child nutrition	N/-	

		budget suffers. The county needs to obtain compensation for the meal service. Most parents ignore the bills and communication with the local level offices. Unfortunately by informing the student, parents react and often pay their outstanding debts. Don penalize the good women and men trying to balance the CN budgets. Give them assistance and support their hard work.		
2017-07-13 12:06:47	Brenda Isaac Lead School Nurse Kanawha County Schools Charleston WV	Well written! Excellent!	N/+	
2017-07-16 01:03:07	Kelli Caseman Director, Child Health West Virginians for Affordable Health Care Charleston WV	This is such a welcomed and important inclusion!	N/+	
2017-07-16 12:39:34	Kimberly Earl Charleston WV	I would like to give a HUGE KUDOS to the Office of Child Nutrition for taking steps to prevent lunch shaming in our WV schools. This is fantastic edition to our policy.	N/+	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	I support this section.	N/+	
2017-07-17 15:12:19	Nasia P. Butcher Principal Gilmer County High School Glenville 26351	Please remove restrictions from rewards as at times it would be nice to reward an entire class of students for a job well-done, for example, with an ice cream sundae party held during hot weather months, or a pizza party during another time. At	N/-	

		times, it would be nice to celebrate certain occasions with cake or cupcakes. This is certainly not a daily occurrence, but would allow us more flexibility in planning something that is easily managed. At no time should food be used as a penalty for student.	N/+	
2017-07-17 15:53:13	Mary E Maroney PreK Coordinator / Administrator Berkeley County Schools MARTINSBURG WV	This is great! All children should be fed... I know it is a burden to the school system when parents don pay... but the children should not be allowed to go hungry.	N/+	
		§ 126-86-15. Nutrition Advisory Council.		
2017-06-19 07:09:55	Jessica Walden Dietetics Student Marshall University/Mother/Homer oom Mother at Public School/Citizen Ona WV	The school system is a public entity. It should be TEACHING the attendees EDUCATION about nutrition! Registered Dietitians study at University level for 4 years + a hands-on internship with courses in biology, chemistry, anatomy - RDs should be teaching in the public school system. The public is influenced by marketing of poor choices and miscommunication in all areas, it should not be in the school system. It is the duty of the school system to EDUCATE with TRUTH for the ENCOURAGEMENT of a BRIGHT AND HEALTHY FUTURE for the NEXT	N/o	

		GENERATION! Consult a Registered Dietitian (WVBOLD has dietitians on hand as well as www.eatrightwv.org WVAND) to truly understand how lowering standards doesn't help West Virginia.		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Become aware of what students like and will eat the best yes follow guidelines but allow for variation	N/o	
2017-06-26 07:36:03	Carolyn Sayles	Please do not compromise the quality of the food provided to the children's lunch program. In some cases this is the only nutrition these children get. With statistics showing that in serving more nutritious lunches, the childhood obesity standards have lessened. In order for these children to succeed in school they need to have these nutritious meals. Thank you for your consideration.	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 16:54:14	Lee Daniel Lewisburg WV	very important	N/+	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department	Should be in place to give best practices, information and guidance for quality.	N/+	

	Bardane WV			
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charleston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-07-04 06:44:32	Jim Plitt Wardensville wv	Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US. No sugar drinks in the schools	N/o	
2017-07-07 07:46:50	April Andrews Community Member WVBOE Elkview WV	I am writing today to tell the BOE that child nutrition must be a number one priority for WV. WV health statistics are worsening and I believe the way to change this is to educate children about healthy delicious foods. In the past two years my nephew has brought home healthy snacks, such as apples or pears. While he is exposed to these nutritional foods at home, a lot of WV parents are not doing the same. Instead of scrapping the nutritional programs all together, make adjustments.	NA/+	See Response 2
2017-07-13 12:06:47	Brenda Isaac Lead School Nurse Kanawha County Schools Charleston WV	Please make sure school health is represented on this Council, preferably with a school nurse as a member.	N/o	
2017-07-16 12:39:34	Kimberly Earl Charleston WV	I would like to see future councils have larger parent representation as well as larger representation of groups who advocate for children with special dietary concerns.	N/o	
2017-07-17	Denise Ferris, RD, LD,	I support this section; might be good to have	N/+	

14:26:06	DrPH Charleston wv	some minimum meeting expectations (at least 1-2 times/year) since the Nutrition Advisory Council has met only sporadically in the past few years.		
		§ 126-86-16. Severability.		
2017-06-25 17:17:41	Beverly Bart Cook Harrison county cook Shinnston WV	Make people accountable for their actions from not serving correct foods or changing menu for their convenience and fire those who take food home	N/o	
2017-06-26 12:22:57	Anne Chopyak Ms none Buckhannon WV	Maintain current standards	N/+	
2017-06-26 22:42:55	Ardyth Gilbertson RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics Jefferson County Health Department Bardane WV	Lets keep high standards of nutrition, and fight our obesity epidemic. Help kids to be healthy and well. Eat healthy, stay active. I can be reached at 304-268-7435 (Ardyth Gilbertson, RN, BSN) THANK YOU!	NA/-	See Response 2
2017-06-30 12:05:01	Samuel W Crosby Jr Retired BPH-Retired Charlston WV	Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.	N/+	
2017-07-17 14:26:06	Denise Ferris, RD, LD, DrPH Charleston wv	I support this section.	N/+	

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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

We must protect the children with allergies. No food should be brought into the schools with or without labels. There are continually recalls on food that have been contaminated "accidentally". Parties should be held at homes.. not school. The celebrations that take place in school should be food free... that's what the children want... activities... not food. Time engaged with parents, not eating food that will not fuel their minds or bodies. this should not be left open to the counties to decide. It needs to be a state policy that forbids food being brought in and served to the children. There are too many health concerns and the counties need help (and backing) of the state to say no to bringing in food and the serving of unhealthy foods.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

Please get the food out of the classrooms! Otherwise agree!

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

This is great! All children should be fed... I know it is a burden to the school system when parents don't pay... but the children should not be allowed to go hungry.

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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

-Please consider changing policy to allow ONLY school supplied foods at celebrations. Outside foods brought in by parents IN ANY CASE, should be avoided. There seems to be continued confusion around the life threatening nature of certain food allergies, such as peanut. This policy is an opportunity to strengthen safety precautions. rnrn-I would suggest that "food allergies" and other dietary restrictions be more fully verified through some process, such as physician or religious leader signature. School staff seem to be getting countless requests from families due to "preferences" or "intolerances." These need to be differentiated from an life-threatening, anaphylaxis triggering allergy. Frankly, there needs to be a better way to control for parents that are susceptible to dietary myths they have read on Facebook.

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Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Due to so many children having food allergies and the potential of a child consuming something that is brought into school. I strongly recommend that cupcakes, cookies, ice cream etc should be restricted. At the time of the party it is difficult to look at each label to ensure that it's a safe product. Therefore, taking a risk with a younger child that may not know exactly what to avoid and relying on an individual (that may not be educated about food allergies) to make the decision. It is a concern for parents that are unable to attend school parties, and causing unnecessary worry. The children are typically happy for the healthier food options!!!!

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Name: Nasia P. Butcher
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Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Please remove restrictions from foods sold as fundraiser.

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

Please remove restrictions from rewards as at times it would be nice to reward an entire class of students for a job well-done, for example, with an ice cream sundae party held during hot weather months, or a pizza party during another time. At times, it would be nice to celebrate certain occasions with cake or cupcakes. This is certainly not a daily occurrence, but would allow us more flexibility in planning something that is easily managed. rnrnAt no time should food be used as a penalty for student.

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I feel that nutrition should be apart of our school day. Students from elementary school through high school need to be taught and shown healthy choices are better for them so that they know what they are putting into their body. Students should eat few high fat and high sugar foods during the day. This may be the only opportunity they get to learn about why healthy foods are important.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Drinks that contain caffeine should not be allowed in schools. It has no nutritional value and will boost students energy for a limited amount of time before crashing.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

Twenty minutes is not enough time to eat lunch. For some students this is the only healthy meal they receive. If they do not have enough time to eat then they will won't eat everything on their tray. I think 30 minutes after serving would be best. Especially in middle and high school where students aren't provided recess like in the elementary.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

It should be a requirement for student representatives to serve on wellness councils. School wellness after all is about students, therefore we should have a say in the policies and programs in ours schools.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Why should food even be served for school parties? Why can't students be given time to participate in fun games or activities instead of eating? I am now in middle school and we do not have parties, so why is it so important to be able to serve food at elementary parties? I have a friend with severe food allergies and she should not be penalized for not being able to eat a cupcake or made to feel bad because her mom has to provide something else to eat. I have started a healthy concessions food cart for my community to provide healthier food options and to educate others about the importance of being healthy. I run track and cross country when I go to meets which are often immediately after school the only food options available at the concession are fried, high in fat and sugar foods which are poor choices for runners because they don't fuel their bodies. My cart would provide not only athletes but other children in my community with healthier food choices and it will teach ! them about being healthy.

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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

overall, when 4321.1 was first adopted, it put WV in the spotlight as a leader in standards for school nutrition and is an outstanding example of what could and should be done. Any revision that puts WV back to a minimal standard does not serve the children of WV, esp. in light of our high obesity rates and all the health issues that come with that. The health, safety and welfare of WV kids is the top priority in any policy change.

Comments for section 126-86-3 Operational Definitions

I support this section.

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I agree with the statement that this document should provide guidelines and best practices by supporting good nutrition and food policy. the actual details of this policy should be supportive of this.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

my concern is that advances made under the Healthy Hunger Free Kids act of 2010 will be cancelled out by following the minimum standards. With the health challenges facing WV kids, WV should retain the higher standards.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

I'm concerned about the last sentence in 5.4 "without prior approval from the county Child Nutrition Director", which seems to imply that the Director can ok other foods that compete with child nutrition programs. This should be consistent across the state, and not have every county doing something differently. otherwise I support this section.

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

I support this section.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

I support this section.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

I support this section.

Comments for section 126-86-9 Staffing

I support this section.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

I support this section.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

11.2, 11.3- I do not support most of these sections. Food should not be brought in from outside for any reason. I have issues with who is taking responsibility for screening incoming foods. This is a big responsibility for a staff person, and is a liability for the school system. It is not always easy to determine ingredients from a food label, even if it is a commercially prepared item, and foods from home should be prohibited totally. In addition to the safety and nutrition concerns, it excludes children with allergies or other health issues who should not have the food. And when you look at WV kids health risks, really no one needs a cupcake. Parties should center around physical activity and other sorts of special activities that are not centered around food. rn11.4 - should just reference diabetes since Type 2 Diabetes also on the increase in WV kids.

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

What happened to the penalties for non-compliance? Should be added back into this policy.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

I support this section.

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

I support this section.

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

I support this section; might be good to have some minimum meeting expectations (at least 1-2 times/year) since the Nutrition Advisory Council has met only sporadically in the past few years.

Comments for section 126-86-16 Severability

I support this section.

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I think they should be able to bring Cupcakes and other No -Nutritional food for school parties.... they only have parties 2 times a year and it's not going to hurt to have these items. And I am all for this change and to have Store bought items such as Cucakes Cookies and chips for their Celebrations!!!!

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

To start off, I believe that students, elementary school through high school, should be offered a curriculum that educates and informs us that healthy choices benefit us more so than the unhealthy. I believe that if we are taught healthy habits at a young age we can continue them as we grow older. Not all children have resources at home to learn for themselves the dangers of eating fats and sugars out of moderation, or the values of a balanced diet. With that being said, I feel that it is crucial for schools to offer an education to us during our school day about a healthy lifestyle.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

"Caffeine-a crystalline compound that is found especially in tea and coffee plants and is a stimulant of the central nervous system." That was the definition straight from Webster's dictionary. Caffeine is known to give children a "sugar rush", which can give them so much energy that they're bouncing off the walls and an interruption to class. Not to mention, caffeine can become addicting, which means students will constantly crave more of it. The definition above states that caffeine directly affects the brain of the person drinking it. Do you really want something that affects our brain in a negative way offered to us to drink during our school day?

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

We as students and children are the future to this world, so do we not deserve to be able to voice our personal opinions about wellness? Do we not deserve to have what we say heard? After all, we are the ones that are going to have to run and live in this place in the future. We are the ones that see what happens from a student's perspective every day and what can be approved upon. Therefore, I feel it is extremely important to have STUDENTS ACTIVE and able to give opinions on every local wellness council.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

When I was in my first years of elementary school, I loved having classroom parties and getting the sweet, sugary treats that came with them. As kids we all love the sensational taste of a moist cupcake or a gooey chocolate chip cookie, but we aren't taught about what makes these things so delicious. Once I learned, my perspective as to what should be served during our school day quickly changed. As we got a little bit older, children started to get just as excited about a fresh slice of watermelon as they were to get something sugary. We get plenty of baked goods at our own homes. While we are at school, we should have adults that demonstrate to us and help us find healthier alternatives. We know that having healthy options at fundraisers, in our classrooms, during meals, and yes, at our concession stands can benefit us greatly. Sugary foods do not benefit our academic performance in the slightest, so why are they continuously served to us on a silver platter? At the minimum!

Now, we feel that we should be given the opportunity to choose a healthier option. This brings me to my next point, healthy concession stands. Our concession stands serve greasy, fried foods. These aren't the types of foods that will help our athletes compete to their best potential. After observing this problem, a friend and I, under our local wellness council, built a healthy concession stand cart titled "Wheelie Good Foods." Our primary goal was to show kids everywhere that healthy foods are accessible AND can taste great! We will also have a bike that you can pedal to blend your own smoothie! This gives a hands on approach and shows that healthy snacks can also be fun to make. So if you see us around, make sure to stop by and get a healthy treat! In conclusion, this is something that myself and others are passionate about, and we hope that you take our thoughts into consideration.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Jenny Anderson
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Huntington, West Virginia
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

One last comment on this last day of public comments-rnrnIf you read the language in WV Legislature Bill 2014 (the Cupcake Bill), the word "homemade" is not the issue. The issue is that these "few" parents, who I must assume have some type of friendly personal connection with the delegates that introduced the bill, (their) issue is that they only want permission to bring sweets into the school. rnThe current policy already allows sweet treats into the classroom parties AS LONG AS THEY MEET NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES AND ARE PREPACKAGED, and the proposed policy allows ANY SWEET TREATS INTO THE CLASSROOM PARTIES AS LONG AS IT HAS A LABEL. rnSo... it seems to me, both the WV BOE and the parents who do not see the value in healthy classroom party options have already won their battle. So why was WV BOE President Campbell so upset??? rnrnFYI...rnWe are DESTROYING years of hard work done by OCN and others to aid in preventing chronic childhood disease. And if you DO NOT believe th!
at this is happening, then you have to accept that at a minimum it is simply in NOT "COMMON SENSE" to take the "healthier food choices safety and nutritionally off the table. Why are we as adults continuously NOT wanting to "DO THE RIGHT THING .. BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO"? It is wrong and in my opinion, inhumane to treat our WV children this way. It takes away all hope for our future and current school children, halts preventative health care measures, and stunts future economic development for our state. IN other words, believe it or not will bankrupt our state further. Would a child choose a high sugar treat over a low sugar treat..perhaps. But they would also choose a video game over playing outside if we adults were not their to lead by example and supervise. THIS is "COMMON SENSE". rnrnI will leave you with this, Senator Joe Manchin spoke directly to a large group of elementary school kids at the Fittest School Competition just a few weeks ago, This event wa!
s hosted by the WVDE. He said (I am paraphrasing but do have i!
t on vid
eo).. "I didn't like seat belts when it became the law. But it was my children who convinced me that it was the right thing to do BECAUSE it was something that they learned in school." He went on to tell this group of youth that it was up to them to make good choices when it came to eating healthy and getting physically active. He told them that THEY could

teach the adults something. rnHe also eluded to them that it does affect our healthcare and economy. rnrnLet us not be hypocrites, let us be shining examples and help our children. Jenny

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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

As the parent of a child with Type 1 Diabetes in the WV School System it is of utmost importance to me that this policy protect children with special dietary concerns. rnrnGiven that:rn -1 in every 13 children has a food allergy*rn -30 percent of children with food allergies are allergic to more than one food.*rn-A survey of more than 6,000 schools participating in EpiPen4SchoolsÂ® revealed more than one in five anaphylactic events occurred in a patient with NO KNOWN ALLERGIES.**rnrnLanguage that appears to allow foods without a proper FDA approved nutrition label, such as from a local bakery, is extremely dangerous. Cake boxes are readily available at a variety of local stores, making it quite easy for someone to prepare a cake at home, put it in a fancy box and pass it off as store bought. In addition to the risk the lack of proper label poses to children with allergies, all forms of diabetes, Chron's disease, Celiac's disease and other health concerns, in the state with t!
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Name: Kenzi Brown
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Kenova, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-07-17 10:46:27
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

As a food allergy parent and advocate I strongly ask you to continue to address celebrations in the classroom as part of the WV Nutrition Policy. Every child should have the right to feel safe and protected in the classroom. By not limiting or banning food related celebrations in classrooms across the state, you are inviting food allergic children (or any of those with a dietary restriction i.e diabetes) to being exposed to their allergens and risk a trip to the ER...or death. WV has been a national leader in effecting change and making the best decisions for our children and their health and let's continue in the right direction and not fall backwards and flat on the responsibilities of protecting our community as a whole. Classrooms should be a safe environment and policies should be in place to keep food out of them universally. Birthday parties can be celebrated with games or crafts and do not need a cake or cupcake to feel special. The welfare of our children should not!
depend on the county they reside and instead all WV children should have an EQUAL right to safety and protection and should be addressed in the policies of the West Virginia Department of Education. rnrnThank you for your time and consideration. I trust you will do what is right and best for our children.

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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

I have two small children in elementary a school allergies consisting of 4 of the 8 top allergens. it is constant worry when my children are not around me regarding food. Is the teacher going to bring in something special for the class-?i Is she going to contact me before my kid eats it? What if my kid eats it and has a reaction? There is no Epi pen in classroom? The teacher not trained to give the Epi pen? How much the is list before a reaction is recognized? What if my kid can't eat it.? how much time do I have and what inconvenience under short notice do I have to find or make a treat for my kid so they are not excluded?or will they have to eat something different from the class and the class gets the "cool treat". When you have a child with allergies it is a constant worry.... each party...each event. i live this way 24/7. When I'm not with my child and they are with the school. The school is responsible for my child and their safety. Last year with this ban was listed !

it was a free for all. Within one week I had encountered multiple issues. I had one teacher message me the day it was lifted asking if I could bring my kid a treat the next day because the class was having cupcakes. So that night I was up at 9 pm making cupcakes so that my kids looked like the class cupcakes. Because I can't go buy a cupcake with their allergens excluded locally. Then the same week another child with another cookie issue and i had to call New York and leave two messages and emails to see if my child could have that specific cookie. Third issue same week- I had emails send in class group asking for cupcakes for an event. Allergies not addressed. Someone volunteered to bring in cupcakes from a bakery that had no labels nothing. When you go online bakery was filled with cross contaminated items and peanut and tree nuts. Allergies never acknowledged from group despite two nut allergies in the class . What if. Hadn't intervened.

Would the other parents of th!

e allergy kid know. Those cupcakes were being brought into cla!

ss? why

should this be a worry when go to school to be educated and supposed to be made to feel included. Kids die from allergies. Bullying is also big. Read the news and google . Just because you don't hear about it doesn't mean it doesn't happen. I'm all for my kids having celebrations. However, rules get stretched... eventually you get get known as "the allergy parent" or "the allergy kid" and you get talked about for just trying to keep your kids safe. Its dangerous.... Faulty

and staff have no idea what a parent of an allergy child would allow unless a parent is contacted about each package and teachers are not required to have epi pen training... Epi pens are not on the child and not in the room and there are 20/1 ratio...why is the school changing rules and taking the chance of risking a child's life. If it's not broke don't fix it. The celebrations have worked for years....why cause any more anxiety. You will never understand what it's like until you've dealt with this as !

your child... grandchild etc. I am in the state of worry as school is approaching. New teachers... new classmates... this is not as big of a deal if your child does not have allergies but fir an allergy parent the communication is key .

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Title:
City/State: Charleston , WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

As a parent of a child with multiple life threatening food allergies, it is extremely important to our family that our child not only be safe but also included at all school functions. Requiring that foods that come into her school building be in a sealed package and have a nutrition label that includes the FDA's top 8 allergens is imperative to her safety and the safety of all students. Home made foods should never, at any time, be allowed to be served to students. Not only does that put students with food allergies at risk, but is a risk within itself considering food from home kitchens are not inspected for safety.

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Name: Matthew Miller
Organization:
Title: Student
City/State: , Wv
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

I'm a student in 4th grade.iworry that if more food from homes are allowed that I will have another problem at school with my lips and tongue swelling. I don't want to be scared at school or risk dyingrnMatthew.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Ena Haynes
Organization: Ruffner Elementary
Title: Parent and LSIC Chair
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

My son has a severe peanut allergy. Every time a parent provides food he is at risk. At Edgewood Elementary children would taunt him with food that would kill him. Children cannot bring plastic weapons to school on Halloween please so not allow them to bring (even accidentally) something far more dangerous to the many children with allergies. You should visit a school and stand in the kitchen to see the pictures of children's posted with the list of allergies. Parents cannot possibly understand what is safe to provide for "celebrations." Kids love food free parties because they are more fun and all children can enjoy them. rnrnlf not for the excellent Principal and Staff at Ruffner who have always put safety first we would homeschool.

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Name: Stephanie Clinton
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Parkersburg , Wv
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

I feel the change in policy is almost forcing us to home school our children. It's the state officials saying to our families that our children are not important. When accommodations are made for every disability but food allergies, it is discrimination. rnlf no one can agree on how to handle it keep food out of celebrations at school. The children do not need junk food to celebrate at school. If everyone can not be included, no good should be provided. I see many lawsuits coming from this if a child ends up having a reaction at school.

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Name: Samantha Maroney
Organization: Pikeside Learning Center
Title: Teachers Aide
City/State: Martinsburg , WV
Role: Teacher
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

As a teacher and a parent of an allergic child in the WV School System it is of utmost importance to me that this policy protect children with special dietary concerns. rnrnGiven that:rn-1 in every 13 children has a food allergy*rn-30 percent of children with food allergies are allergic to more than one food.*rn-A survey of more than 6,000 schools participating in EpiPen4SchoolsÂ® revealed more than one in five anaphylactic events occurred in a patient with NO KNOWN ALLERGIES.**rnrnLanguage that appears to allow foods without a proper FDA approved nutrition label, such as from a local bakery, is extremely dangerous. Cake boxes are readily available at a variety of local stores, making it quite easy for someone to prepare a cake at home, put it in a fancy box and pass it off as store bought. In addition to the risk the lack of proper label poses to children with allergies, all forms of diabetes, Chron's disease, Celiac's disease and other health concerns, in the state with th!

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Name: Debbie wright
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Title:
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Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Please do not take a step backward. In the last few years we have made progress and put West Virginia in a good light as far as child nutrition goes. Child nutrition and safety should be priority one for us as a state not just on certain local levels. West Virginia adults are some of the most unhealthy in the entire nation, let's make sure that this trend does not continue for our children We have an opportunity to be a leader instead of coming in last place as usual.

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Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

I would like to give a HUGE KUDOS to the Office of Child Nutrition for taking steps to prevent lunch shaming in our WV schools. This is fantastic edition to our policy.

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

I would like to see future councils have larger parent representation as well as larger representation of groups who advocate for children with special dietary concerns.

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Name: Noble Harper

Organization:

Title: Mr.

City/State: WILLIAMSON, West Virginia

Role: Parent-Family

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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

West Virginia's obesity rate is too high to lower standards.

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Name: Kelli Caseman
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Title: Director, Child Health
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

My general concern is the weakening for nutrition standards when WV leads the nation in obesity and other poor health disparities, and federal funding for such vital programs like SNAP and WIC are facing proposed cuts. More kids will be relying on school breakfasts and lunches for their meals. We've traditionally set the bar high in WV with our school nutrition guidelines. While I completely understand the reasoning for occasional parties with sweets, we're setting ourselves up for systemic weakening of meals that are the main staple of nutrition for thousands and thousands of children.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Since federal guidelines have already been "watered down" since the new administration, it's crucial that we do not set ourselves up to lose the incredible gains we've made in WV with our nutrition program. Let's maintain adherence to the Hunger-Free Kids Act.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

I strongly request that WVDE consider the concerns of families with children who have food allergies and special dietary needs. We must protect children.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

This section is crucial. I'd like to humbly request that the parties personally responsible for enforcing the policy, and ensuring food safety, be added. When it comes to potential allergic reactions, the level of responsibility must be clear.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

What a great program!

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

This is such a welcomed and important inclusion!

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Kelli Crabtree
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

WV's school nutrition standards are recognized, but even so they do NOT come close to matching Best Practices for the health and wellness of our children specifically for nutrition and physical activity. Our children eat two of their three daily meals and spend a significant amount of their waking hours in our public schools. It is imperative that health and wellness (including nutrition) standards be held high. For some children then only meals that they receive or the only meals that have nutritional value come from the school cafeterias and classrooms. Nutrition = healthy brain and body development. Nutrition = better health and lower health care costs. Nutrition = better concentration = better academic scores. Please do NOT allow these vital nutrition standards to be lowered in any way. Keep the power at the state level - not the federal.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Laura Dice
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

WV is a leader in the nation for something negative yet again- obesity and chronic disease including debilitating and life shortening diabetes. Nutrition policies in schools have the power to have huge effects on reducing this for our young population. Let's strengthen standards instead of reducing them. "Local" control is an excuse to justify reducing standards for our kids. Our WV kids need the best possible nutrition standards.

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Let's base our decisions on best practices. Reducing standards at a time like this is not 'best practice'. As a public health professional, I've learned that this can have huge detrimental effects on the health and culture of health for our kids. By not creating an environment that supports health, we are

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

If we tie standards to federal policy directly then we would have less discretion in determining standards for our own state. How about we set strict standards for our state despite whether the federal guidelines allow for less restrictive policy?

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Best practice information is provided by CDC with link below. If you went to a doctor and they weren't following best practice, they could be fined and/or fired. We should take the advice of public health professionals who help determine what the science says is best. Anything less is a disservice to the children we serve. rn
(https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/nutrition/pdf/nutrition_factsheet_schools.pdf)

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Ask middle and high school students about whether they drink from the water fountain. They think it's gross and most don't use it. A study just came out talking about lack of clean drinking water availability and perception of safe drinking water in schools. Only half of middle and high school students attend school where the administrator reported that the drinking fountains were very clean. Administrators perceived the drinking fountains to be clean in 93% of middle schools and 91% of high schools. Access to clean, free drinking water is an important strategy to increase the consumption of water among youth, which may lead to reduced obesity. I believe we should offer filtered water bottle stations in all WV schools!!

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Best practices as identified by CDC and or Institute of Medicine are the gold standard. Let's offer WV kids the gold standard! Standards should include food brought from outside sources to all students such as at parties and school wide functions. It is in our best interest of the state to continue creating a culture of health where healthy choices are demonstrated by the public school system. It is a great opportunity in our state to accomplish a shift in culture to celebrate health! Our kids learn from teachers, administrators, cafeteria staff, etc and will grow up believing what they are served is what is best for them. Please consider the adding the following to this section: 1. Specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. LEA's are required to review and consider evidence-based strategies in determining these goals. 2. Standards for nutrition guidelines for all foods and beve!

verages sold to students on the school campus during the school days that are consistent with Federal regulations for: School meal nutrition standards, and the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. 3. Standards for all foods and beverages provided, but not sold, to students during the school day (e.g. in classroom parties, classroom snacks brought by parents, or other foods given as incentives). 4. Policies for food and beverage marketing that allow marketing and advertising of only those foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. 5. Description of public involvement, public updates, policy leadership, and evaluation plan. Since the section on snack options (126-86-10) and Marketing other foods (126-86-6) from 2014 Policy 4321.1 has been removed, then it should be explicitly added to this Local Wellness Policy section.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

As someone who has a peanut allergy and knows the potential fatal consequences of cross contamination and accidental ingestion of an allergen, I believe we need to think long and hard about how much risk we should take on behalf of our kids who have allergies. Is food celebration worth the risk of a child having anaphylaxis? If a party is held at school and student does have anaphylaxis who would be responsible? Who would be sued? I for one would not want to be the parent responsible for being in charge of the party foods. Also, we need to consider children who are at risk of insulin shock or too high or low blood sugar. This is also life threatening. In addition you may want to consider adding the following: If you want to cover all the metabolic disease like diabetes then you should include: 1. insulin resistance, 2. Metabolic Syndrome, 3. Pre-Diabetes and 4. Diabetes.

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

We need accountability for schools not following policy. I support removal of school funding for not complying with nutrition policies.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

I like that you're giving breakfast out and many free breakfasts. However, the sugar content in breakfasts is so high. I believe we should follow American Heart Association guidelines for 25 grams of added sugar or less per day.

Amanda Harrison

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Role: School System Staff
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

If the purpose is truly to comprehensively support good nutrition and food safety, as well as overall health and wellness, this is going to require that WVDE provide more truly comprehensive policies and guidelines than simply following Federal guidelines since the current national administration is weak on its true concern for children's health and safety.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

W.V. needs to move to the forefront in protecting our children and not simply "support" Federal standards. The current Federal Government is back pedaling on providing adequate protection to our children and cannot be trusted to continue to do so. The burden will fall on the states and our children are too important not to provide this comprehensive protection.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Foods brought into schools for students (parties and celebrations) should meet the same or higher standards as those sold in schools. We need consistency in promoting good nutrition! We are about educating students not making them fatter and less healthy.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Water should always be available and students should be encouraged to drink it.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

It's not enough to for Local Wellness Policies to meet "minimum" standards. We aren't about doing the least to get by. we should be meeting evidenced best practice and WVDE has a responsibility to assist local wellness committees in doing this. Our children deserve better than the minimum.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

We need more specific language throughout this policy to limit or prohibit outside foods during parties and celebrations. Fun activities should be emphasized rather than the idea that we have to eat (often unhealthy items) in order to have fun. The state needs to be more specific about preventing allergic reactions instead of leaving this up to local discretion. State guidance is necessary! In listing conditions, other forms of Diabetes need to be added, in addition to Insulin Dependent, especially with the increase that we are seeing.

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

Accountability needs to be stricter and consequences immediate. Once again we are talking about the health and safety of our students. Please stop backpedaling.

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

Well written! Excellent!

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

Please make sure school health is represented on this Council, preferably with a school nurse as a member.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Arlene Leonard

Organization:

Title:

City/State: Inwood, WV

Role: Community Member

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Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Competitive foods should not be allowed to be sold during the meal times. It seems that the new restriction is only for the meal area. This should include the school campus. The proposed could open up clubs and various other organizations offering a multitude of foods. If that happens, why not open up "a la carte sales" to the meal program. They are already suffering from lack of sales and meeting their budgets.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

Administrators and teachers need to respect this policy. Unfortunately they respect their bell system more.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Support the Special Dietary Needs form alone as the document requirement for services. The 504 and IEP, along with the Nursing forms are not enough to implement a menu/diet change. The CN Director needs to have a release to speak to the doctor requiring that change. Many times parents implement a "don't like" situation with foods.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

Principals need to understand that this is policy and not their individual school environment's choice. More state level support needs to address this issue.

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

There needs to be more support and attention to the outstanding accounts. We send a wrong message to our secondary level students, nor teach them responsibility for their future when they have no consequences for meal accounts. I

support the counties that have tried to reduce their outstanding debts by restricting student participation in extra curricular activities and privileges. Driving a car to school and obtaining a parking permit, while the school system provides transportation is a privilege. The counties should be allowed to make those decisions based upon outstanding student debts, including textbooks, uniforms, and meal accounts. They cannot continue to pay for the food products, non-food product requirements, and staff without funds. Requiring payment for services rendered is an elementary concept in society. There is a system provided for families in need to obtain free/reduced meals. When parents neglect their paperwork, the unpaid accounts grow and the c!

ounty child nutrition budget suffers. The county needs to obtain compensation for the meal service. Most parents ignore the bills and communication with the local level offices. Unfortunately by informing the student, parents react and often pay their outstanding debts. Don't penalize the good women and men trying to balance the CN budgets. Give them assistance and support their hard work.

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Name: William Lyons Jr
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Grafton, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-07-12 14:46:54
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.

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Name: Stella Young
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Role: Professional Support
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

5.4 Foods and beverages may not be sold, served, or distributed in competition with the federal child nutrition programs in the food service areas during the meal service periods, "WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE COUNTY CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTOR" needs to be omitted from the paragraph.

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Name: Karen Breeden
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Moorefield, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

While foods should be nutritious, they should also be foods that children will most likely eat. A lot of money is wasted buying, preparing foods that the children will not eat and just throw away.

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Name: ALICIA LYONS

Organization: WVDHHR, TAYLOR COUNTY PATCH COALITION, FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK, ALL ABOARD GRAFTON

Title: FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST

City/State: GRAFTON, WV

Role: Parent-Family

Posted: 2017-07-10 14:15:01

Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

IT GREATLY CONCERNS ME AS A PARENT THAT THE STATE OF WV IS CONSIDERING REDUCING ITS STANDARDS OF HEALTHY FOODS FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR STATE. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE GAINED BY SERVING THEM LESS HEALTHY FOODS? OUR STATE IS AT THE TOP OF THE MOST UNHEALTHY LISTS IN THE COUNTRY. OUR CURRENT FOOD STANDARDS ARE FINALLY MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE CHILDHOOD OBESITY RATES. FOR SOME OF THESE CHILDREN, THE ONLY HEALTH MEALS (AND SOMETIMES THE ONLY MEALS AT ALL) THEY RECEIVE ARE FROM THEIR SCHOOL. PLEASE DO NOT LITERALLY TAKE HEALTHY FOOD OUT OF OUR CHILDREN'S MOUTHS. NOT ONLY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS, BUT ALSO THE LIVELIHOODS OF LOCAL FARMERS AND BUSINESSES THAT HELP PROVIDE PRODUCE TO THEIR LOCAL SCHOOLS. THIS IS A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY EFFORT THAT SHOULD NOT BE STAMPED OUT. IT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. I COULD ALMOST GUARANTEE THAT THIS IS BEING CONSIDERED BECAUSE IT WOULD SOMEHOW SAVE A FEW BUCKS FOR THE STATE, BUT THINK ABOUT THIS: IF OUR CHILDREN ARE HEALTHIER, THEY BECOME HEALTHIER ADULTS, THEREFORE THEY WOULD POTENTIALLY NEED LESS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND DISABILITY SERVICES. THIS IS A LONG TERM PLAN AND REDUCING OUR STANDARDS WILL JUST DEVASTATE OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS AND PUT US RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

WV SHOULD DETERMINE ITS OWN STANDARDS AND NOT FALL BACK ON THE USDA FEDERAL MINIMUMS. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED ISSUES IN OUR STATE AND HAVE IMPLEMENTED RESOLUTIONS AND PREVENTION TO ADDRESS THEM. PLEASE DO NOT PUSH US BACKWARD WHEN WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AND PROGRESSING.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

CAFFEINATED PRODUCTS SHOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ANY OF THE SCHOOLS. FILTERED WATER SHOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE IN SNACK MACHINES AS WELL AS FREE SOURCES LIKE WATER FOUNTAINS.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

DRINKING WATER SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF; IN AREAS WHERE THE WATER SUPPLY ISN'T IDEAL, FILTERED WATER SPOUTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT EVERY WATER FOUNTAIN. STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO REFILL THEIR OWN BOTTLES AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

IT IS RIDICULOUS TO THINK IT IS HEALTHY FOR ANYONE TO CONSUME THEIR MEAL IN 15 OR 20 MINUTES. AT THE VERY LEAST STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM OF 30 MINUTES TO EAT; STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT YOU TEND TO EAT LESS IF YOU CAN EAT SLOWER BECAUSE YOU HAVE TIME TO FEEL FULL. I ALSO THINK HAVING LUNCH AT 10:30AM IS SUPER RIDICULOUS. THEY JUST HAD BREAKFAST AT 8AM AND THEN THEY'RE HAVING LUNCH. THIS HAPPENED TO MY KINDERGARTNER THIS PAST YEAR. BY TIME SCHOOL WAS DONE, SHE WAS STARVING. NO LUNCH PERIOD SHOULD START BEFORE 11AM. THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER WAY TO SCHEDULE THESE LUNCH PERIODS TO ACCOMMODATE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

THE OVERALL WELLNESS OF OUR STUDENTS SHOULD INCLUDE HEALTHY FOODS, STUDYING AGRICULTURE, AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. MORE ACTIVITIES REGARDING MINDFULNESS SHOULD BE OFFERED SUCH AS MEDITATION AND YOGA TO HELP TEACH THE STUDENTS TO MANAGE STRESS AS WELL AS IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH. THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE WORKED WONDERS FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS REGARDING STRESS LEVELS AND ANXIETY OF THE STUDENTS AS WELL AS BEHAVIOR ISSUES.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

THIS SOMETIMES CAN BE A PAIN FOR PARENTS, BUT IT IS TOTALLY NECESSARY FOR THOSE CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES. IT CAN BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. I PERSONALLY DON'T MIND THAT WE ARE RESTRICTED ON WHAT WE CAN TAKE TO PARTIES AND CELEBRATIONS; I KNOW IT MAKES SOME PARENTS MAD THAT THEY CAN'T BRING HOMEMADE ITEMS. THIS RULE WAS PROBABLY PUT IN PLACE FOR A GOOD REASON, SO I WILL SUPPORT IT.

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Name: Leslie Boyd
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

As a teacher, I see first hand the importance of good nutrition. Often times, if a student has not eaten well, it has a negative effect on their concentration and performance in the classroom. If we lower our standards, then we will fail our children. How can we expect the best from our students if we are not giving them our best. Please do not lower the standards!! If they are, ALL standards will be lowered!!

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Name: Warren Peascoe
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Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

West Virginia child nutrition policy will be the USDA minimum policy as it existed on June 20, 2017. After that date, if the USDA lowers a minimum standard, West Virginia standards will remain at the June 20, 2017 level unless the Office of Child Nutrition and WVDE Nutrition Advisory Council decides that it is in the interest of West Virginia children to lower West Virginia's standard too.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt policies that strengthen the federal minimum standards.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

West Virginia nutrition policy will abide by the USDA Smart Snacks Standards with the following exception: Caffeine will not be sold or distributed to West Virginia students on campus during school hours

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt nutrition or physical activity policies that exceed or strengthen the federal minimum standards

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

In each West Virginia school, a staff member (i.e. School Wellness Coordinator/Coach, teacher, nurse, etc.) will be designated to monitor foods and beverages at classroom celebrations. If a designated person cannot be assigned, all classroom or school celebrations shall not include food items, unless the school provides them. School classroom celebration policies are set at each local wellness council. They must, at a minimum, follow USDA Smart Snacks guidelines and include a safety policy for foods and beverages (nutrition label, allergies, etc.).

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Name: Judith Peascoe

Organization:

Title: Mrs.

City/State: Vienna, WV

Role: Community Member

Posted: 2017-07-07 18:56:45

Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

West Virginia nutrition standards will be at minimum the USDA standards that existed on June 20, 2017. If the USDA standards increase, the WV standards will increase to match the new USDA standards for school lunch otherwise the standards will remain at the June 20, 2017 level unless the Office of Child Nutrition and the WVDE Nutrition Advisory Council decide that it is the best interests of the children of West Virginia to lower the standards.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Each County must develop School a Local Wellness Program that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may strengthen the federally minimum mandated standards.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

West Virginia nutrition policy will follow the USDA Smart Snacks standards with the exception that caffeine containing beverages will not be available to students during school hours.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Each County must develop School a Local Wellness Program that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness COunculs may develop nutrition and activity standards that exceed or strengthen the Federal Minimum Standards.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

If a school does not designate a staff member to supervise food distributed at school celebrations, no food or drink should be served at any school celebrations. The food and drink distributed at a celebration shall follow thwnSmrt Snacks guidelines and have adequate labels and purity to protect against disease and allergies.

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Name: Jessica Dianellos
Organization: KEYS 4 HealthyKids
Title: Coordinator
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-07-07 15:05:05
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Why would we want to reduce our nutrition policy to meet only minimal standards when our current policy 4321.1 adopted in 2014 has been nationally recognized for exceeding minimal standards? WV already has a childhood obesity epidemic and we need to continue implementing strong nutrition policies for health, food safety and academic success of our students.

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I love how the purpose is stated "to provide guidelines and best practices supporting good nutrition and food safety that will help schools take a comprehensive approach toward health and wellness in their school community." If the new policy truly accomplishes this stated purpose, it would be great!

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

The new proposed policy 4321.1 language has been simplified by stating that our standards will be determined at the federal level. However, by simply falling back on the child nutrition program at the federal level, we open WV up to the possibility of having our nutrition standards reduced rather than keeping them at a high level. I would prefer that policy 4321.1 use language consistent with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 so that if the new administration rolls back federal policy on child nutrition, WV will be protected from the reduction in standards.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

If we aim to meet best practices in our child nutrition policy (as stated in the purpose), I feel we need to keep language from the current 2014 version of policy 4321.1 because it includes best practices as defined by the IOM and CDC, including food sold and provided. Foods and beverages sold AND provided should offer good nutrition to WV's children.

My fear is that if "local control" is given to county superintendents and principals rather than the experts at the WVDE Office of Child Nutrition, we will have inconsistent standards and non-nutritious, unsafe foods "provided" in schools. Part of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act required higher qualifications for food service directors for this reason. If 5.3 and 5.4 included both food sold and food provided, the goal of this policy would be better met.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Rather than making our kids' food and beverages "consistent with applicable minimum standards", I would prefer to set the bar higher with standards that exceed minimum standards.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Who will be liable if an allergic reaction occurs during a classroom celebration? The revised policy 4321.1 makes this more likely to happen since it is up to each local superintendent and wellness policy to decide if food "provided" should meet the same standards as food "sold" in regard to health or safety. I do not want my child to consume food made at a home that may or may not be sanitary. Thankfully he doesn't have any allergies identified, but many other children do and that would be very scary as a parent.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

Great work WVDE Office of Child Nutrition for receiving national recognition for the past 2 years for school breakfast participation!!

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
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Name: April Andrews
Organization: WVBOE
Title: Community Member
City/State: Elkview, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-07-07 07:46:50
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am writing today to tell the BOE that child nutrition must be a number one priority for WV. WV health statistics are worsening and I believe the way to change this is to educate children about healthy delicious foods. In the past two years my nephew has brought home healthy snacks, such as apples or pears. While he is exposed to these nutritional foods at home, a lot of WV parents are not doing the same. Instead of scrapping the nutritional programs all together, make adjustments.

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Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Offer small bottles of water to students during gym and or recess and definitely at meal times.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

Offer healthy foods for breakfast instead of carb filled sweets and artery clogging meats. Bacon should be changed to turkey bacon only, no sausage or gravy and biscuits. Instead offer fresh fruit, yogurt, oatmeal in different flavors, no chocolate milk, no pancakes. Instead offer some of these items once a week, maybe on Fridays.

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

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Name: GAYLE ALLEN
Organization: Hampshire County Education Association
Title: president
City/State: ROMNEY, WV
Role: Teacher
Posted: 2017-07-06 23:37:47
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am a Kindergarten teacher. I have taught in McDowell and Hampshire Counties. I eat school lunch EVERY day. The children served in the schools I have taught in depend on school meals for their nutritional needs. Over the last 30+ years I have watched the school lunch program get better and better. Please keep up the good work! Do not let the federal government drag us backwards by hooking to their standards. We're doing very well. Let's keep it that way!

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
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To: Amanda Harrison
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Name: Jack Daugherty
Organization: Nicholas Co BOE
Title: Retired
City/State: Summersville, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-07-05 20:00:16
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

How well we keep students safe from life-threatening allergies and obesity in the revision of 4321.1.
We must keep in mind that educators are responsible, not only for the academics, but also for the health and safety of all of our students.
How do you plan to protect students that have life-threatening allergies such as peanut allergies? As a former county food service director, I was always concerned about the safety of our students with allergies, especially peanut allergies. You must be careful when allowing foods to be brought into the school for such things as parties that allergens are not in the product served.

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

Food service directors must have way to combat non-compliance.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Gwen Crum
Organization: WVU Extension Service
Title: Agent
City/State: Parkersburg, WV
Role: Higher Education Faculty
Posted: 2017-07-05 17:15:18
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Norma Wolverton
Organization: None
Title: None
City/State: Summersville, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-07-05 15:10:14
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

My grandson has a life-threatening peanut allergy, and has a doctor's order that he be in a peanut-free environment. How can I be assured that this policy will keep him safe? Please be aware that my grandson could die from a peanut allergy if the WV State Board of Education does not protect him. As you know, my grandson is required, by law, to attend school. I hope that he will not be discriminated against by this policy.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Angela Amick
Organization: Panther Creek Elementary School
Title: Principal
City/State: Nettie, WV
Role: Principal
Posted: 2017-07-05 15:00:02
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Comments for section 126-86-9 Staffing

Who will be the person designated to check foods from outside sources for classroom parties, and what credentials should the staff member have?

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

How do you plan to protect children with life-threatening peanut allergies and children who need to be in a peanut-free environment due to doctor's orders? Will this protection be addressed in the updated policy?

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

Who will be responsible for training the staff members regarding this policy?
Will procedures be in place for non-compliance of this policy?

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
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Name: Laura Jarrett
Organization: Nicholas County Schools
Title: Teacher
City/State: Summersville, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-07-05 12:06:51
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Does this revised section mean that each individual teacher is the designee for his own classroom to make sure that there are no known allergens? This states that baked goods are not allowed, but does this also mean no baked goods from bakeries as well that do not contain an ingredient list? Should the teachers send home a permission note to every student for celebrations? Should each food choice be included in this note? As you know, allergens to food can occur at any time. Should the school nurses be involved in planning what food to have for celebrations since they should have specific information about food allergies and other dietary restrictions? Will the students with food allergies and other dietary restrictions be excluded if they are not able to eat the foods during the celebrations? Will the school nurses help to make sure that all Health Care Plans and 504 Plans are being properly followed with all accommodations of each individual student in mind? Have you considered not only the possibility of discrimination of students with 504 Plans and Health Care Plans with students with disabilities, but also the possibility of contaminants from outside food sources from individuals who are not employees of the county school systems? I ask that you reconsider this section of this policy due to the possible health risks to students with food allergies and disabilities, and because of the potential of discrimination and contamination of foods as well. Will you ensure that all school employees are properly trained in reading ingredient labels, and being able to identify all ingredients that a student could be allergic to? Will you also be able to ensure that all staff members are properly trained in being able to know the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, and how to properly administer an Epi-Pen? According to the Food Allergy and Research Education organization, there are more than 170 foods that have been reported to cause an allergic reaction. Furthermore, they estimate that 5.9 million children in the United States under the age of 18 have a food allergy. Also, more than 15% of children with food allergies have had a reaction at school, and 20-25% of epinephrine use in schools have been due to an unknown allergy. My county food service director and my school cooks do an excellent job of making sure that they know what foods should be served to all students. If teachers and parents that are not properly trained are permitted to choose foods for students, there will be

a potential to endangering the health of our students. I respectfully ask that you reconsider allowing foods from outside the schools into our classrooms. Thank you for your consideration.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Kelley
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Charles Town, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-07-05 06:57:18
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.

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Name: Peggy Given
Organization:
Title: Mrs
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-07-05 00:27:08
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Please don't lower the food standards in our schools. Our kids deserve healthy foods that won't contribute to childhood obesity. It can make a difference in the rest of their lives. Thank you.

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
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Name: Jim Plitt
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Wardensville, wv
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-07-04 06:44:32
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US. No sugar drinks in the schools

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US. No sugar drinks in the schools

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US. No sugar drinks in the schools

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

Healthy foods would help WV NOT be the 2nd most obese state in the US. No sugar drinks in the schools

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Name: Stephen Ayraud
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Shepherdstown, Wv
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Do not lower nutritional standards for West Virginia

Amanda Harrison

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Name: DIANE Miller
Organization: KCS Board of Efucation
Title: CN Director
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Professional Support
Posted: 2017-07-03 09:46:26
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Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

5.4 this should not fall on the shoulders of the child Nutrition director but on the Principle. The child Nutrition director should be contacted if a food product being sold, served or distributed during a meal period for acceptable standards to be met however; I have 68 schools and could never endorse or resolve all those issues at each school on every occurrence. The Principal is the master of their school... they need to be the governing agent.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Eloise Hollen
Organization:
Title: Retired RD and Certified Diabetes Educator
City/State: Philippi, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-07-02 12:33:02
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Keep our school food and beverages standards linked to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans that are reviewed every 5 years with revisions based on the best available research. We do not want to attach ourselves to lower standards policies, particularly whenever they can be politically motivated and not necessarily in the best interest of our children. We would be giving up our decision making power to protect our children if we blindly follow lowered standards.

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
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Name: Lois Williams
Organization: Monongalia County Schools
Title: Mr.
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Teacher
Posted: 2017-07-01 13:50:35
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Our students deserve to have the top nutrition standards for school breakfasts and lunches. We need to start them on a healthy path to good nutrition. I am appalled at the excess sugar, salt and food dyes in the food offered to our students.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

We need to eliminate prepackaged foods, such as SUGAR cereals, doughnuts, and flavored milk. Why is vanilla shake milk an option for schools to purchase? Also, when we look at grams of sugar/day, elementary age students are suggested to get no more than 12 grams of added sugar/day. Vanilla shake has 26 (I think) grams of sugar. Any milk offered in school should not have added sugar. White milk has NO added sugar. Why can't that be our standard. I would rather see them have the healthy option of drinking a glass of ice cold refreshing water than sugary milk. rnAlso, there are studies that link hot dogs, and processed meat to cancer. Pediatricians in Charleston WV put up a billboard with that FACT on it and we are still serving hot dogs and processed meat in our school lunches. We should also take a look at the salt in foods prepackaged for school lunches. (gravy, roast beef etc.). I would love to see more plant based whole foods on our menus. We need to set our little ones up!
for a healthy life even if it costs us more.

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

Our school recycles our leftovers to a local pig farm in our area. Someone from the farm picks up our leftovers daily. It is interesting that the pig farm does not want ANY beef or PROCESSED meat to feed to their pigs,because it has antibiotics and other things in it. I have to wonder what the students and their parents think of this fact. The farmers don't want their pigs to have what we are feeding our children.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Stephanie Bostic, PhD
Organization:
Title: Nutritionist
City/State: Binghamton, NY
Role: Business-Industry
Posted: 2017-07-01 10:35:44
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

As a graduate of public schools in West Virginia, who has gone on to study and work in nutrition, I have been proud to see the progress the state has been in improving school food. I recently finished my PhD in Community Nutrition, am entering a program to complete my Registered Dietitian credential, and determining the next stage of my career, including location. The poor health status of too many in the state was the impetus that began my career, over a decade ago.

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

It is essential that West Virginia schools maintain and continue their progress toward helping children succeed. Without a basic level of health, they will have greater struggles to become adults who serve their communities, their families, and their workplaces. Developing good eating habits at a young age is predictive of future eating habits. Access to sufficient, quality food has been linked to better physical, mental, and academic performance. We, as a society, owe our children the opportunity to become adventurous eaters who enjoy their vegetables as well as the nutrients they need to succeed in school. I have based my career on compelling statements about obesity and related chronic disease states. Unfortunately, too many West Virginians are affected by cardiovascular disease, hypertension, type two diabetes, chronic kidney disease, cancers related to excess adiposity, and even cognitive declines connected to poor nutrition and lack of physical activity. We!

West Virginia has made progress in helping its children improve their future health-- the population of second graders alone have better weights now compared to five years ago-- and I hope the school system continues to work to provide our children with a healthy environment, as many of them spend a large portion of their waking hours at school. Schools play a vital role in children's lives, and thus, their health.

Maintaining state autonomy in terms of Child Nutrition Program standards is one key to the state continuing its progress in promoting child health through healthy eating. I strongly encourage the board to require review of any changes of federal nutrition standards before adopting them, with the purpose of determining if they are in the best interest of our children and future workforce.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I encourage the board to maintain control of the state's nutrition standards rather than tying them to minimum federal nutrition standards. West Virginia is a leader in school food, and I hope to see it remain a leader in the future.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Jo Perez
Organization:
Title: Retired School Psychologist
City/State: Alderson, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-30 22:28:11
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I have worked in 2 states and the food in the WV schools was by far better than what I found on the plate in Virginia.
Please keep the home baked whole wheat bread, salads and fresh veggies coming!

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Lets keep our kids healthy and teach good eating habits.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Our children deserve good nutrition with lot fat and sugar.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

keep it natural, organic and whole food.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

this is incredibly important as some schools don't have safe water. Our kids deserve the safest and cleanest water available. Regular water testing should be conducted in the schools.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

30 minutes is a reasonable time for lunch.

Kids learn better when they have had a nutritious breakfast.

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Organization:

Title:

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Role: Community Member

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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

We must keep up the nutrition standards for our children in schools. For some children this meal may be the only meal they get that day!

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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Generally, WV children deserve strong nutrition policies for health, wellness, food safety and academic performance. The implementation of Policy 4321.1 adopted in 2014 was a tough one, but we have been through the toughest part...SO WHY GO BACKWARD NOW? Why in the world would we want "minimal" nutrition standards for our children especially when WV leads the nation in obesity and diabetes? I refuse to believe that it is because WVDE has to deal with "cupcake bills". News Alert-it is easy to buy a commercially packaged cupcake to meet the current nutrition standards. We must keep the health, safety and wellness of our children the priority for this nutrition policy.

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

The last sentence in the new policy, "The purpose of this document is also to provide guidelines and best practices supporting good nutrition and food safety that will help schools take a comprehensive approach toward health and wellness in their school community". KEY WORDS: Good nutrition and SAFETY. If this new policy actually accomplishes the purpose stated above, then there should not be much disagreement or discussion. rnAlso, purpose clearly states that "Within the WVDE, OCN is the administering state agency in WV for the USDA's child nutrition.....OCN will be tasked with the implementation, oversight, monitoring, provision of TA..." This is because nutrition policies are quite complicated and it takes an appropriate skill set to understand and monitor the same policies.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I applaud simplifying this section and simply referencing "the child nutrition program determined at the federal level", but am fearful of the Presidential administrations' current attempts to roll back these federal policies. I would recommend stronger language to protect our children's nutrition environment such as "aligning WV nutrition standards with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010". This way if feds roll back policies that are obviously working in WV, we can keep WV standards at a higher level. (reference: Journal of Child Nutrition & Management, Vol 40, Issue 1,

Spring 2016 showing less empty calories, more fruit sold and consumed and less sodium since HHKFA AND no decline in number of lunches sold).

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

If purpose of this policy is to meet best practice as stated in purpose 126-86-2, then Policy 4321.1 from 2014 is stronger and meets best practice as outlined by the IOM and CDC because it covers food sold and provided.
(https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/nutrition/pdf/nutrition_factsheet_schools.pdf) This should apply to food and beverages SOLD and PROVIDED. If our goal is "GOOD NUTRITION" why would we SELL "good nutrition" but PROVIDE "BAD nutrition"? Makes no sense at all. This should be consistent throughout the state and NOT an item that should be up to "local" control. Do WV's superintendents and principals have adequate training in regards to child nutrition and food safety? Do they want to answer all the calls, questions, and complaints from parents? Are they willing to accept the responsibility and liability for safety in the instance of anaphylaxis? I agree with local control where the school administrators have experience and appropriate training such as course!

content, disciplinary policies and etc. The HHFKA even set higher criteria and standards for the qualifications for food service directors. Section 302 of HHFKA makes the school food safety programs under the school lunch and breakfast programs applicable to any facility or part of a facility in which food are stored, prepared or SERVED! If both 5.3 and 5.4 included food SOLD and PROVIDED then we would be meeting the goal of this policy and protecting our children. Additionally, WV has received national recognition as printed the last 2 years in the Scorecard for best practice policies, Feed to Achieve legislation and breakfast participation. Why go backward?

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

The revision as written "...Food and beverages sold and otherwise made available ("PROVIDED") on the school campus during the school day are consistent with applicable minimum federal standards" seems to imply the bar be set at "minimum". Again, if our goal is to meet best practices, this section needs re-written to make all aware that the LEA local wellness policies are an opportunity for school districts to meet "best practices" related to health, nutrition and food safety." HHFKA states, "the final rule expands the requirements to strengthen wellness policies". IOM and CDC best practices for nutrition standards specify standards related to competitive foods and beverages provided a la carte, in school snack bars, stores, vending and during other school activities (classroom parties, fundraisers or school meetings). I suggest that the sentence above be re-written to encourage stricter policies OR that the content requirements be expanded to include: (from HHFKA final rule)!

1. Specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. LEA's are required to review and consider evidence-based strategies in determining these goals. 2. Standards for nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school day that are consistent with Federal regulations for: School meal nutrition standards, and the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. 3. Standards for all foods and beverages provided, but not sold, to students during the school day (e.g. in classroom parties, classroom snacks brought by parents, or other foods given as incentives). 4. Policies for food and beverage marketing that allow marketing and advertising of only those foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. 5. Description of public involvement, public updates, policy leadership, and evaluation plan. Since the section on !

snack options (126-86-10) and Marketing other foods (126-86-6)!

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14 Policy 4321.1 has been removed, then it should be explicitly added to this Local Wellness Policy section.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

As a Pediatrician, I applaud the Nutrition Advisory counsel for adding this section. Why not take this to the next level to meet best practices from IOM and CDC and add language that would align the labeled food to be consistent with Smart Snack in Schools? In 11.3, second sentence, "Outside foods and beverages that are commercially prepared and/or packaged are allowable at classroom celebrations AS LONG AS THEY MEET SMART SNACKS GUIDELINES". Please see same comments and references under section 5 above.
In section 11.4, "insulin dependent diabetes" should be

changed to Diabetes in general since now type 2 diabetes is as common as type 1 or insulin dependent diabetes. If you want to cover all the metabolic disease like diabetes then you should include: 1. insulin resistance, 2. Metabolic Syndrome, 3. Pre-Diabetes and 4. Diabetes. One remaining question in this section was raised when this policy was read during Board Meeting on June 14, 2017. WHO is liable if a anaphylact!

ic reaction occurs during a classroom party? The Board attorney stated it would be a case by case matter. Really? If Nutrition standards are lowered and then WV experiences increases in such incidents, seems as if BOE as the decision making body would be liable. (Since I am a Pediatrician and not an attorney, I sought appropriate legal counsel and posed this question.) This is a policy that needs to be statewide for our children's protection. Again, why go backward?

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

So what happens if schools repeatedly do NOT follow nutrition policy? We all know it still happens. We also know that is much better now that it ever has been. We have already been through the toughest part of the nutrition standards implementation. One reason it got better was the penalty outlined in policy 4321.1 13/2 a. b and c that outlined consequences of not following policy such as recovery of federal reimbursements or local general funds or removal of vending machines.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

Excellent!! Again, another area beside WV nutrition standards that OCN has led the charge and received national recognition. WV has been #1 on a national level for the past 2 years for school breakfast participation. (Refer to scorecard on OCN site)

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

Excellent!!!!

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I suggest that WV lock in the Health Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 nutrition standards as the minimum.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

I support this prohibition so high school students are not tempted to purchase a soft drink to consume with their meal. Water is our body's main need, soft drinks are detrimental to health. Research shows that drinking only 1 can of soda daily can lead to 15 lb of weight gain in a year.

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

I support the requirement that these sales be prohibited. These distinguish the difference between free and reduced lunch participants vs. children that have money to spend freely on food.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

It takes each individual ~20 minutes to know we are satiated. When children have a small amount of time to eat and socialize, sometimes this leads to ignoring hunger and fullness cues, which is a large component of keeping a healthy weight. There should be a designated requirement for meal time length.

Comments for section 126-86-9 Staffing

I support staff having a requirement of 15 continuing education hours yearly. The staff should be educated on basics, as they play a large role in the majority of meals these children are eating.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

I support this requirement, minimally to Federal standards.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

I support that homemade foods should be continue to be restricted. Giving school staff members this responsibility is not practical, and parents of children who have severe food allergies are depending on this requirement to be kept in place.

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

Food should not be used as a reward or penalty, research has shown that this leads to emotional eating in the future- associating happy times with junk foods or comfort foods. Emotional eating is also a component in the obesity epidemic our state is facing today.

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Since the proposed changes are only to bring the states standards in-line with the federal guideline my concerns are addressed since policy guidance is very important for local/county Nutritional officials. Therefore, I'm supportive of these proposed changes. Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

With the potential impact of Competitive Foods and Beverages along with the current Health Challenges faced by the state's children/families...these are needed. Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-9 Staffing

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

Comments for section 126-86-16 Severability

Stakeholders representation in this process relieve my concerns of input by key persons whose input balances the proposed rules changes.

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

The health of WV children has been improving, lowering the standards of school lunch will prevent this trend from continuing. An investment in the health of WV children is an investment in WV's future. Please keep the high standards for school lunch, let WV be the leader in high quality school lunches instead of being in the back of the pack.

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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Please do not lower West Virginia's school food standards. Our state cannot afford for our childhood obesity numbers to start rising again. the children of west Virginia deserve more than the federal minimum. We need to give them the best possible nutrition so they are able to live healthy lives.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

Lunch times need to be long enough so that the last student in a lunch line has at least 25 minutes to eat their lunch. In addition, please encourage schools to reverse the trend of having recess after lunch. Recess should be before lunch, so children do not rush through lunch because they are excited to play. In addition, if they play before they eat, they will be more likely to eat more food and schools will not have as much food thrown away at the end of lunch time.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Eve Bostic
Organization: Private Citizen
Title:
City/State: Spencer, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I understand there is consideration for lowering school food standards. The point of public schools is to teach students what they do not learn at home. Good nutrition and appreciation of nutritious food seems to be something children are not learning at home, so for the sake of the health of our citizens, I find it important that school lunches continue to offer as much nutrient dense food as possible, especially fresh fruit and vegetables.

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I work with WV children everyday through my small business. Children have become healthier, smarter, and gained focus since the standards were raised. If you roll back the standards for WV children, you're creating an environment where they will suffer. Long term health and intelligence should be our school system's focus. We can't fall into the trap of choosing the easiest and cheapest methods. Our kids already have much to overcome. Let's give them a healthy body and brain with which to face future challenges.

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Name: Kim Kelly
Organization: mom of 5 year old
Title: Mom
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Please do know lower the nutritional standards of school breakfast and lunches. My daughter is a 5 year old at Suncrest Elementary. I know that some of her classmates in Pre-K were struggling. School breakfast and lunch were very likely their only decent meals of the day. I am also struggling to get my daughter to eat veggies, but if she sees others eat them, she is more likely to do it. I am so pleased with the Choosy Program to encourage healthy food choices. Please continue to have high nutritional quality lunches.

Amanda Harrison

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Comment Received for Policy 4321.1

Name: Jodi Richmond
Organization:
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Do not lower nutritional standards of school lunches. If anything quality and standards should be increased. Current obesity rates are decreasing due to increased consumption of more nutritious foods; do not reverse this trend.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Keep standards high and increase fresh fruit and vegetable consumption

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Keep standards high

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

Do not allow sales of soda and caffeinated beverages at school

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Provide clean drinking water in all schools and bottled water available for purchase

Amanda Harrison

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Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Please maintain standards of school lunch. My daughter attended pre-K at Suncrest Primary and will be starting kindergarten at Suncrest Primary in the Fall. She is in Kidematics. Please don't lower the nutritional standards of lunches. I do care. And I know that there are kids in my daughter's school, in my daughter's class who are struggling to get by. At least can't the kids have one decent meal a day? I always try to give a little extra money for field trips and such because I know a few of her classmates are struggling. Please don't take away a good quality meal.

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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I recently moved to the state of West Virginia. My children are 3 and 4 and will soon begin attending public schools. From what I've been told, West Virginia has become a leader around the country in school food standards. That's wonderful! I fear, though, that if we tie our school food standards to the federal standards, we will lose local country and lose the amazing gains in combating childhood obesity that have been won in the past several years. Please make sure that this proposal includes language that would allow standards to remain high and remain controlled by the state and localities. In particular, I think that caffeinated beverages should be restricted from being sold in schools and that there should be reasonable restrictions on food and drinks used at school celebrations. Thank you!

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Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Please do not lower nutrition standards in WV. In our state, more than almost any other, many children get most of their nutrition at school. I know as a mother and as a family practice physician that we'll fed children are better learners. They need their basic nutritional needs met before they can focus on anything else. Please do not revert to federal nutrition standards which are not as good.

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

In light of the skyrocketing rates of diabetes among children in WV, it is imperative that the highest level of nutritional value be maintained in all school meals. This is becoming a life or death issue. Protect our children.

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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Lower the federal standard for school lunches is a step in the wrong direction and West Virginia should not follow the federal lead. This state is finally making good progress on improving obesity rates. Lowering our school food standards is like giving up on this mission and accepting we will always be 50th. For once, let our state be the example of what to do right and the difference it can make.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Caffeine should not be allowed in schools. Aside from the fact that caffeinated beverages are also typically very high in sugar (also problematic), it is also a drug. We should not be aiding and abetting developing brains (that are probably already sleep deprived) to these types of substances. The research is clear on the harmful effects caffeine can have, particularly highly caffeinated "energy drinks". One may argue that a kid or teenager can't be stopped from consuming these beverages if they choose, but that doesn't mean the school shouldn't set the example and set a higher standard for what nutrition in the home should be.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

I think it is ridiculous that children do not have regular access to water. While I realize there are some children who could "abuse" this, I can't imagine children being able to carry/maintain a water bottle with a lid will cause that much of a problem or mess. There was a water fountain in every room where I grew up and went to school and there was never an issue. Children should have the right to stay hydrated, period. We should be teaching them to do that and if there is related misbehavior, then address it like one would any other infraction.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Malayna Bernstein
Organization:
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I am very concerned about obesity in our state. This is a public health issue that costs both lives and dollars. We know that WV is plagued with obesity problems far worse than in most states in the country. We must make the health of our young people a priority. rnrnSchool breakfasts and lunches serve two purposes: they help combat hunger for children whose families lack financial wealth, and they can serve to make kids healthy and strong. I can think of few other such productive avenues for bettering the lives of West Virginians. rnrnWe have made major strides in increasing our standards for nutrition in the last decade. Please don't let our standards slip, even while national standards may be lowered. Let's be the best advocates for our own residents' health.

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Name: Jaci Paugh
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Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am a parent of a child in WV public schools. I am also a Pediatric Gastroenterology Nurse Practitioner in WV. I feel very strongly that we, as a state, must watch out for and control our school food standards. So many children in our state rely on it as their main source of nutrition! This is a sad fact but we need to continue to offer the standards we have and possibly better. Thank you for your time and consideration

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Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Hunger of school age children is a chronic problem in Wood County. Schools should be used to provide meals to students. The nutritional value should be maintained at the highest possible level consistent with current guidelines.

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Name: Timothy Lefebber
Organization:
Title: Pediatrician
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-27 19:03:10
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Mrs. Harrison: My name is Tim Lefebber and I am a pediatrician in West Virginia. I work in Morgantown and serve a diverse socioeconomic population of children. I can honestly say that the most significant risk to children in our clinic and across the state is obesity. Children will have body mass index numbers that are above the 95th percentile and have a difficult time bringing their weight back to a safe level. Once they reach a certain weight at a certain age, there is much less we can do to prevent them from increased risks of Type II Diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and other significant health problems connected to obesity. West Virginia children should be kept at the current level (as of June 20, 2017) or HIGHER standards than the USDA for school lunch for several important reasons. Positive changes to school lunch standards that restrict unhealthy foods have made a difference in WV. The obesity rate has seen improvement. BUT because WV already has su!

ch a significantly higher burden of obesity and obesity related diseases in our state and also has other factors that effect nutrition (poverty, job growth, economic well being) we cannot afford to allow the next generation of children to be subject to unhealthy food in their school, which is often the only food they may eat for the day. I sincerely ask that you consider the above changes to help preserve the health of hundreds of thousands of WV children, as we need to help decide what is in their best interest. Their future health should depend on higher standards of nutrition no matter what federal regulations may change. I appreciate your consideration of the changes above as the school board should NOT approve proposed Nutrition Policy 4321.1 without the following changes: Proposed change to 126-86-2 should read---> West Virginia child nutrition policy will be the USDA minimum policy as it existed on June 20, 2017. After that date, if the USDA lowers a minimum standard, West Virginia standards will remain at the June 20, 201

7 level unless the Office of Child Nutrition and WVDE Nutrition Advisory Council decide that it is in the interest of West Virginia children to lower West Virginia's standard too.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

In order to protect the nutritional value we should try to have school lunches that exceed national USDA standards because our obesity problem for both children and adults exceeds the national average.
Proposed change to 126-86-4 should read--->
Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt policies that strengthen or exceed the federal minimum standards.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

As caffeine has shown to be a health risk for children affecting sleep, appetite, attention and behavior, as a physician I agree with the following changes:
Proposed change to 126-86-5 should read--->
West Virginia nutrition policy will abide by the USDA Smart Snacks Standards with the following exception:
Caffeine will not be sold or distributed to West Virginia students on campus during school hours

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Proposed change to 126-86-10 should read--->Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt nutrition or physical activity policies that exceed or strengthen the federal minimum standards.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Kelly Jo Drey
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Fayetteville , WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered.
If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.
Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.
I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.
There are two other important ways West Virginia's school food standards should stay higher than federal minimum standards: Caffeine should not be sold or distributed in West Virginia high schools. And we need reasonable, safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and drink that can be served at school celebrations. In those two cases, leave our standards as they are.
Thanks for reading my comments. I am a community and economic development professional in my community, and the success of our public education system - including keeping the children healthy with nutritious food - is, in my opinion, one of the most important issues for helping WV communities thrive.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Bethany Nielson
Organization: Facing Hunger Food Bank
Title: Assistant Director of Network and Member Relations
City/State: Huntington, WV
Role: Service Personnel
Posted: 2017-06-27 15:20:34
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Please do not allow the school lunch standards drop in WV. I work at Facing Hunger Food Bank and see so many children who heavily rely on the nutrition that they receive at school. These children cannot have that vital nutrition lowered. I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children. Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school nutrition continues to improve. This is no time to lower our standards. Many of the children in our state need more nutrition than what is provided in our schools today. We cannot lower our standards.

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Name: Kristin McCartney
Organization: WVU Extension
Title: Registered Dietitian
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Higher Education Faculty
Posted: 2017-06-27 14:00:23
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

School nutrition is an area where West Virginia has been seen as a leader in holding to strong standards to promote better health in a state where we are ranked in the top 10 on almost every health issue. We NEED strong standards to crawl out of this hole of poor health we are in. I vote that we maintain the existing nutrition policy that has been in place. Any efforts to lower standards are a death sentence for our children and our state.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Myrna Fox
Organization: Morgantown High School
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Role: Parent-Family
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Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am writing to advocate for maintaining WV school food standards as they are, or possibly raising them if needed. I object to any action that would tie WV standards to USDA rules, especially since theirs may be lowered. Tying our standards to the federal would take our State's school lunch policy out of our hands, never a good thing, and lowering our standards would be harmful to our children. Good nutrition is good for the brain, and children are mostly using their brains in school. It also helps maintain a healthy weight, which contributes to overall good health. Maybe in the longer term, it could result in a lowering in the obesity rates for the general population. Learning goes along with the eating. Since WV is considered a national leader in school food standards, why would we want to jeopardize that reputation? Please don't do anything to lower school food standards that have shown good results such as the decrease in obesity in second graders from 2012-2017. Thank you.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Bert Coffman
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Fairmont, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I encourage you to keep WV's school food standards high. Please do not tie them to federal standards, but continue building on success in lowering childhood obesity.

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Name: Mary Alice Shepherd Milnes
Organization: N/A
Title: N/A
City/State: Elkins, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-27 12:02:14
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I am very concerned about any lowering of the school food standards. My granddaughter will be starting kindergarten in Morgantown this August and I believe good nutrition is essential for learning. West Virginia has lowered the obesity rate for young school children. We must keep up this good work. Thank you.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Crystal Dalton
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-27 10:44:09
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am a concerned parent of a child that will be entering kindergarten in the fall and I am also a pediatric nurse practitioner. I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am very concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered. We have made great strides in childhood obesity rates over the last several years, and a change in our school food program will undo all of the progress that we have made. Many of the children in our state do not have access to healthy foods at home and school meals are the only source of nutrition that they receive. This is one reason why school meals are so important. Everyday I see the detrimental effects that childhood obesity has on the children in our state. This sets them up for multiple health problems as adults. I believe that lowering our school meal standards will have a huge impact on these children. If we can get a grip on child obesity, !
we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Dr. Amy Sidwell, PhD, MCHES
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Title: Associate Professor
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Higher Education Faculty
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have improved. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. This is no time to lower our standards. In a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school, we must keep strong standards in place that limit saturated and trans fat, sugar, sodium, and caffeine. As a health educator, I do not want to see our progress on child nutrition move backward. As a parent of school-age daughters enrolled in WV public schools, I want to be sure my children and all children have access to nutritious food throughout each school day.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Kathryn Moffett
Organization: WVU
Title: Professor of Pediatrics
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Keep lunches the same or even BETTER quality nutrition, do not go back to previous menus!!

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Jamie Hand
Organization:
Title:
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Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am a graduate of Pendleton County High School with a deep concern for the health of my fellow Pendleton County residents. Since 2008, WV's school fund standards have continuously improved, and so has the school food. It's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. I'm proud of the national recognition WV has received for our school fund program, and I'm concerned about child obesity in our state -- please don't allow our standards to be lowered.rnrnl support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.

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Organization: Eastern regional FRN
Title: Director
City/State: Moorefield, Wv
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Yes

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Have a wellness center at school for mental and physical health

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Name: Michele Vidulich
Organization: West Virginia University Medicine Children's
Title: Physician Assistant - certified
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am concerned with any changes that could lower nutrition standards in West Virginia. I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered.rn· If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.rn· Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get th!eir most nutritious food at school.rn· I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.rn· There are two other important ways West Virginia's school food standards should stay higher than federal minimum standards: Caffeine should not be sold or distributed in West Virginia high schools. And we need reasonable, safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and drink that can be served at school celebrations. In those two cases, leave our standards as they are.

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City/State: Charles Town, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Please do not lower the standards for our children's lunches. In some cases, this may be the healthiest meal kids may have all day.

Amanda Harrison

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City/State: Shepherdstown, West Virginia
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

It is only common sense that we have a healthy standard of food served in West Virginia schools especially since the health of our children has shown to improve with better nutrition being served in schools. Please do not let your standards down based on Washington's need to cut corners.

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

When children eat a healthy breakfast with a good source of protein they do not get hungry as quickly and can do better in school, like sitting still and learning.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Sandra Frank
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Davis, Wv
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-27 06:58:18
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am so proud of wv's work on healthy school lunches. Please don't cede our state control by tying our kids food to rules the Feds make. Keep our power over our own kids food and keep it healthy.

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

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Title:
City/State: Dunbar, WV
Role: Community Member
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Organization:
Title:
City/State: Dunbar, WV
Role: Community Member
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Organization:
Title:
City/State: Dunbar, WV
Role: Community Member
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Role: Community Member
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Comment Received for Policy 4321.1

Name: Mandy Hall-Sanchez
Organization: WVU
Title: Teaching Assistant Professor
City/State: Morgantown , WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-27 00:45:43
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:03 PM
To: Amanda Harrison
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Comment Received for Policy 4321.1

Name: Carole Ann
Organization:
Title: MSW
City/State: Wheeling, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 23:02:45
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Children need healthy and nutritious food choices to enrich their bodies. We are what we eat and food is equivalent to mood. We need to provide food that nourishes the body; positive thoughts that enrich the mind; and wisdom that feeds the soul.

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 10:43 PM
To: Amanda Harrison
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Comment Received for Policy 4321.1

Name: Ardyth Gilbertson
Organization: Jefferson County Health Department
Title: RN, Coordinator Moving Forward De-Stress Clinics
City/State: Bardane, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 22:42:55
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

As an RN and grandparent, I know that healthy food consumption is so important to overall health. My grandson eats very healthily at home, and needs to have quality foods at school which mirror his habits there. It is critical that children be exposed to a healthy diet and top standards. We do not want to go backwards!

Comments for section 126-86-3 Operational Definitions

We want nutritional foods, NOT those high processed, high calories, empty calorie foods

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

To maintain our move towards healthy nutritious foods for our young people, and NOT to return to the previous low standards. We are proud of the move that WV has made, and we do not want to go backwards!

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

So critically important to the health and well-being of our youth.rnl have worked with the opioid epidemic, and one thing these addicted persons all have in common - eating unhealthy foods and beverages.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Keep the nutritional value of real foods, and stay away from empty calories, high fat content, high sugar content!rnReal fruits and vegetables, water and non carbonated healthy beverages (not high fructose juices and sodas).

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

Healthy foods can and do taste good. Offer healthy snacks, including fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

So important - it should be available at all times - healthy, quality drinking water.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

Students must not be rushed! Allow time to consume their meals.

Comments for section 126-86-9 Staffing

Have adequate adult support and attention available, overseeing the eating situation, creating a calm and appropriate eating environment.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Should be in place at all schools. Wellness is more than the absence of illness, it is the presence of opportunities to make healthy choices - about foods, about physical activity, mindfulness, about friends, about recreation, about avoiding drugs, alcohol and smoking - understanding their responsibilities to their family and community.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Must be taken into account to prevent problems, issues, which can be severe or even fatal.

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

Must have these in place to ensure high quality and safety!

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

We need to be creative so that all children are fed a healthy meal, and can therefore be ready to do their best in school. If they are hungry, they cannot focus

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

A combination that works to motivate students and staff - based on communications back and forth.

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

Should be in place to give best practices, information and guidance for quality.

Comments for section 126-86-16 Severability

Let's keep high standards of nutrition, and fight our obesity epidemic. Help kids to be healthy and well. Eat healthy, stay active.
I can be reached at 304-268-7435 (Ardyth Gilbertson, RN, BSN)
THANK YOU!

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
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Name: Beverly Stern
Organization: Ruthlawn Elementary School
Title: Teacher
City/State: South Charleston, WV
Role: Teacher
Posted: 2017-06-26 22:34:50
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

We have been working with our WVU Extension Office for the past 6 years to develop a school garden. When our school was audited by OEPA, we received 9 distinguished ratings. This was in part from our students eating what they grow for snacks and in our after school Junior Master Gardener program. First Grade students are given points for fruits and vegetables from the school salad bar as well as during snack time. A healthy eating ribbon is awarded for students who score the most points for eating and trying new foods. Our afterschool JMG program also tracks snack points. Students volunteer to bring non-processed snacks throughout the year and are awards a healthy eating certificate at the end of the year. We are moving the right direction in improving nutritution for our schools and familes. Please keep our high standards.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

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Name: Stephanie Cotterill
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Charles Town, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 22:19:01
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Jessica Shayan
Organization:
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

As a person that struggles with obesity, I am a strong supporter of good nutrition guidelines to be followed in school. I think it's important to keep soda and caffeine out of our schools. We have so many farm to market options in our beautiful state that we should use those more and keep our existing nutritional guidelines. Don't tie them to the federal government minimum, let's be better than that. As a WV tax payer, I believe the money I contribute to schools is important and hope it goes towards good programs such as better nutrition.

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I believe it is a big mistake to tie our standards to those set in Washington, DC. At present, we have the healthiest standards in the country. They should not be subject to weakening at the whims of the bureaucrats in our nation's capital. We have the unhealthiest population in the country, and we need to keep the ability to keep our standards high in order to protect the health of our children.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

See the comment on 126-86-4.

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

We need to provide nutritious meals which includes fresh fruits and vegetables

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Should be available all day long

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

Meal time should be enjoyable with students having 20-25 to eat AFTER being served which means the last student in the line should not be rushed

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Allergies should be accommodated

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

There should be no rewards or penalties associated with meals

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Organization:
Title: Dr.
City/State: Henderson, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Our state standards should not be tied directly to federal standards; rather, we should be free to review federal changes and apply only what most benefits WV students. The decreasing rate of childhood obesity in the state should be a continuing trend as we provide kids with healthy school meals. Farm-to-school programs should also be promoted and allowed to flourish statewide.

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Name: Lawrence Levine

Organization:

Title: WV Parent and Grandparent

City/State: Lewisburg, WV

Role: Parent-Family

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

WV has been a leader in child nutrition programs in schools. I want to see WV standards stay high, and not be reduced to just matching federal standards.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Water needs to be made accessible to all students and staff at all times through out the school day and during after school activities. It is essential to healthy life.

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Name: Carol Sheffield
Organization:
Title: Mrs.
City/State: Buckhannon, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Over the last eight years, sensible ideas and recommendations in favor of healthy children were developed and put into practice. Obesity rates for our children have begun to drop. We would do a great disservice to our children and their bodies should we roll back said practices, leading to more health issues and once again, increasing obesity. Unhealthy children grow into unhealthy adults. Let's do our best to promote wellness at the table.

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Name: Emily Galeota
Organization: Milan Puskar Health Right
Title: Family Nurse Practitioner
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 17:28:43
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

As a nurse practitioner, I see that West Virginia is struggling with obesity on a daily basis. It is important to keep our top notch school lunch's to help decrease childhood obesity. We want to get off of the nation's worst lists and, more than anything, we want to see West Virginians living healthy, productive lives! This can start with nutritious school lunches.

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Name: Lee Daniel
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Lewisburg, WV
Role: Teacher
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

these standards must be kept at a high and improved level, prefer no junk available in the public schools. WV goal for our children is to go backwards? Is no one in this state looking to the future? Very disappointed this is even an issue

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

very important

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Name: Ruth Baker
Organization:
Title: Retired Elementary Counselor
City/State: Beckley, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I strongly support the current WV food standards for child nutrition. As a retired elementary counselor, parent and now grandparent, I saw students adapt and begin to enjoy healthier foods at school in the last few years. Given our high childhood obesity rate I see no reason to lower our current standards, simply because the USDA is lowering theirs. Exceeding Federal standards puts us in the forefront for really caring for our children. Caffeine and sugar sodas should not be sold in our schools. The move to fresh foods has been an excellent step toward healthier lifestyles for our youth and families.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Return "strengthen or exceed" to the language in the section.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Keep caffeine out of high schools. Allow it, could lead to energy drinks like Red Bull to come into our schools. We know of cases where this is exceeding harmful to some teens who drink this in excess.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

I have a granddaughter with allergies to wheat, nuts, soy, and dairy. Classroom celebrations present special problems. Each school needs a designated person to monitor food and drinks brought into classrooms. If a school or wellness team cannot provide such a person, food for celebrations should be provided by the school to insure safety.

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Name: Robert Bailey
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Chester, WV
Role:
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Please keep our current food standards for school meals or work to improve them further. We don't want to go backwards on this issue.

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Name: Sara Wilts
Organization:
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City/State: Bruceton Mills, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am very concerned about obesity in children and encouraged by the progress that our state nutrition standards have made in decreasing the incidence of this problem. Learning healthy eating habits is paramount for a healthy life for each of us.rnDon't let us go backward by going along with federal standards which may be less healthy than WV standards.

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Name: Vicki Angotti
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Bridgeport, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Working within the medical field, as a parent & a community action member I will make a general statement. In our state with so many strikes against us on a good day, please do not lower any standards for our young people. We will all have to pay the price in dollars, health care issues, behavioral issue, and habits down the road. We are just now making some headway to help these children & families make better choices which benefit us all. Don't negate that with temporary cost savings.

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Name: Laura Phillips
Organization: Mountaineer Food Bank
Title: Agency Relations
City/State: Gassaway, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

School food pantries and backpack programs could be incorporated in these Local Wellness Policies.

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Name: Emily Vasile
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I strongly support adopting WV standards that are in agreement with the Dietary Guidelines, which are published every five years and reflect best practices in nutrition science. I am proud of the high standards WV currently employs and do not want to see standards lowered.rnrnI support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.

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Name: J. Coffman
Organization:
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City/State: ,
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. I am a parent and I VERY MUCH care about the quality of the food served to my children at school. Many children's palattes are still formative during these years and if we can engage the children in good eating habits we can engage parents and further the cycle of of healthy eating and healthy habits. PLEASE< PLEASE< PLEASE, know that there are many other parents like me in WV that care very deeply about the food at WV school's!!!! Please do NOT allow our standards to be lower

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Name: Judy Curry
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Title: Former Child Care Administrator, DHHR
City/State: Winfield, West Virginia
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

We are finally starting to make a difference in childhood obesity. Do not put in language that could result in lower standards if the USDA were to reduce their standards. WV has been very successful with programs like Choosy that emphasize eating healthy foods and physical activity. We need to keep pushing if we want to reduce childhood obesity. When ketchup is counted as a vegetable, minimal standards are useless. Let's strive for the best, not mediocrity in our school nutrition programs. The health of our children is worth it.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Please do not allow caffeine to be sold in schools. A 16 year old in South Carolina died from an overdose of caffeine. We don't need to make it available in our schools.

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Name: Angela Carver

Organization:

Title:

City/State: Morgantown, West Virginia

Role: Parent-Family

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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

WV standards should remain as USDA minimum policy as it existed on June 20, 2017. If the USDA lowers their standards WV standards should remain as is.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Should read: Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt policies that strengthen the federal minimum standards.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

I believe this is what it should say: West Virginia nutrition policy will abide by the USDA Smart Snacks Standards with the following exception: Caffeine will not be sold or distributed to West Virginia students on campus during school hours.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Should READ: Each county must devise a Local Wellness Policy that is federally mandated and monitored by the Office of Child Nutrition. Local Wellness Councils may adopt nutrition or physical activity policies that exceed or strengthen the federal minimum standards.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Schools need to be a safe place for all kids, even kids with dietary issues and food allergies. These protections need to remain.
It should read: In each West Virginia school, a staff member (i.e. School Wellness Coordinator/Coach, teacher, nurse, etc.) will be designated to monitor foods and beverages at classroom celebrations. If a designated person

cannot be assigned, all classroom or school celebrations shall not include food items, unless the school provides them.
School classroom celebration policies are set at each local wellness council. They must, at a minimum, follow USDA Smart Snacks guidelines and include a safety policy for foods and beverages (nutrition label, allergies, etc.).

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Name: Mary Boyd, MD
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Title: Pediatrician
City/State: Elkins, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Please keep the current nutrition standards in place for the schools. Our obesity rate has come down in the last few years, but we are still leading the country in childhood obesity and we need to keep working on this problem. The fact that you are even considering this is ludicrous to me. Just look around you-you see childhood obesity everywhere you go in this state. Let's keep our standards high-they are working.

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Name: Ashly Bargman
Organization: Mrs.
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City/State: Meadow Bridge, West Virginia
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

We do not need to compromise the health of our children they need Healthy locally Grown Wholesome foods

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Name: Carrie Hancock
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Role: Teacher
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs are highly important, and should not be lowered. West Virginia has an extremely high child obesity rate, and very high levels of health problems related to a lifetime of unhealthy diet. The foods students consume at school are a huge part of their diet, and they deserve to eat healthy. To lower the standards would be giant step backwards. Why would we do that to our children?

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Sugar and caffeine filled beverages should not be an option for students at school. I have watched bottled water become the go-to drink for middle and high school aged children over the past few years, and that is a healthy habit that will follow them through life. Why not eliminate the sugar-filled drinks, and save millions on healthcare costs by not creating a diabetic culture.

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Organization: Wellbeing Solutions
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Role: Business-Industry
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

It's imperative that we do not lower the standards for school nutrition. We're finally doing something good in WV for our kids and have seen a marked drop in childhood obesity over the past 5 years. Kids rely on school for food - let's put a priority on keeping high quality, healthy food in and junk food out.

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Name: Anne Chopyak
Organization: none
Title: Ms
City/State: Buckhannon, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-3 Operational Definitions

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-9 Staffing

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

Maintain current standards

Comments for section 126-86-16 Severability

Maintain current standards

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Organization: Ms.
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City/State: Shepherdstown, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

West Virginia's child obesity rates must be reduced in order to get our state off the worst incidence of diet related disease and morbidity, and the sky high health costs associated with obesity. We owe our children nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards to reduce child obesity. Since 2008, we have made progress with better school lunch standards. Please do not let our standards be lowered.

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Name: Sarah Umberger
Organization:
Title: Retired teacher
City/State: Lewisburg, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Before I retired in 2009, I had lunch duty daily, and breakfast duty pretty regularly. I was always dismayed by meals that were almost solely various shades of tan, reheated from prepackaged frozen boxes or ladled out of cans. I watched kids lining up to gets seconds of white salted foods, and then followed them up to the playground where many many of them struggled to walk a mile around the track. rnrnI was thrilled when common sense nutritional standards were instituted, with bright and healthier foods. I loved reading the statistics of the lowering of the obesity rate of students in our state. rnrnPlease don't go backwards on this. Please keep the high standards currently in place. Nutritionally, it is our responsibility to model what is most healthy for so many kids who go home to pop and chips and suffer the deficiencies from eating unhealthy foods. rnrnWhat we teach kids extends so far outside the classroom, and our ability to demonstrate the benefits of good nutrition! al standards is vital to moving forward.

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Name: Carol Morgan
Organization: WVU Extension Service
Title: Youth Health Educator
City/State: Wheeling, WV
Role: Teacher
Posted: 2017-06-26 11:57:10
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Please, please, please do not 'roll back' or lessen the nutritional standards for West Virginia youth, regardless of what those in Washington, D.C. deem to be acceptable. We must continue our efforts to educate and to demonstrate what healthy eating is to our children, or surely the horrendous statistics for West Virginians who are overweight and obese will only increase from what they are now. If we truly care about our children and our state's future, we will not ease the nutritional standards that have been set in place.

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Name: Mystik Miller
Organization: Greenbrier County Health Alliance
Title: AmeriCorps volunteer
City/State: Lewisburg, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 11:56:16
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

We should set the WV standard to the USDA minimum policy as it was on June 20, 2017. Our standard should be at that level or above, and never below. We should not lower the standard if the USDA lowers the federal standard.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

We should strive to strengthen or exceed the standards, and allow for that in the language.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Caffeine should not be sold or distributed to WV students on campus at any time.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Encourage our local policies to exceed the federal standard.

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Comment Received for Policy 4321.1

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Name: Ruth Baker

Organization:

Title: Retired Elementary Counselor

City/State: Beckley, WV

Role: Parent-Family

Posted: 2017-06-26 11:44:01

Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I strongly support the current WV food standards for child nutrition. As a retired elementary counselor, parent and now grandparent, I saw students adapt and begin to enjoy healthier foods at school in the last few years. Given our high childhood obesity rate I see no reason to lower our current standards, simply because the USDA is lowering theirs. Exceeding Federal standards puts us in the forefront for really caring for our children. Caffeine and sugar sodas should not be sold in our schools. The move to fresh foods has been an excellent step toward healthier lifestyles for our youth and families.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Return "strengthen or exceed" to the language in the section.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Keep caffeine out of high schools. Allow it, could lead to energy drinks like Red Bull to come into our schools. We know of cases where this is exceeding harmful to some teens who drink this in excess.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

I have a granddaughter with allergies to wheat, nuts, soy, and dairy. Classroom celebrations present special problems. Each school needs a designated person to monitor food and drinks brought into classrooms. If a school or wellness team cannot provide such a person, food for celebrations should be provided by the school to insure safety.

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Name: Barbara Steinke
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 11:35:34
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Keep the standards strong to help reduce obesity and give quality food to our students. I oppose WV's standards to automatically drop when the USDA lowers federal minimum standards.

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Name: Amber Garcia
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 11:23:07
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Dear Ms. Harrison, I am writing to encourage you to not lower the West Virginia food standards just because the federal standards have been lowered. Our standards have gotten national recognition and have had a positive effect on our students. The obesity rate of second graders has gone down by almost 20% since 2011 and every year our school food improves! This is something that we as West Virginians can be proud of! Please put in language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review all lowering of standards and then decide if it is in the best interest of West Virginians. These are our children and the future of West Virginia. We are hurting their present and future quality of life if we do not give them a healthy start. They will not be as productive as they could be as adults if they do not get a healthy start now. I am sure you have heard the saying, "You are what you eat." Well, we need good, quality food for our kids to eat so they can be healthy. Our kids !

deserve this. As obesity and diabetes rates soar, how can we lower our food standards and then look them in the eye and say we are doing all we can to give them a good life? How can we honestly tell them we are taking good care of them if we lower the food standards? I also feel that caffeine needs to stay out of all schools, high schools included, and we need safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and drink that can be served at school celebrations. What our kids eat now will affect how they grow and it will also carry over to what and how they decide to eat as adults and seniors. As a society, a bad diet in childhood can be costly in terms of future healthcare and senior care. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Please do not lower the food standards. Health is an ongoing, priceless gift that we can give our kids. If we lower the food standards we will be condemning them to obesity, diabetes, and even cancer. Please do not lower the food standards so we can !

truly rejoice in how our children can become the best that they

can be

Sincerely,
Amber Garcia

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Name: Robert Johnson
Organization: Richwood Presbyterian Church
Title: Lay Pastor
City/State: Richwood, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 11:22:35
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I have traditionally supported increased nutritional standards for school system feeding programs. Having become a member of Healthy Bodies: Healthy Spirits subgroup of Try This West Virginia, I am even more aware of the link between nutrition and chronic disease. I have also worked with KEYS 4 HEALTHY KIDS and am convinced that a high-sugar diet is a key factor in the onset of childhood obesity and Type II (older-adult onset) diabetes in pre-teen children. Although not a medical practitioner, I have been trained in chronic-disease management at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. The links between low-quality diet and disease is abundantly clear. Please maintain current school-food standards and keep our nationally-laudable, independent standards as high as possible. The future of West Virginia children depends upon high nutrition standards.

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Name: Michael McLeod
Organization:
Title:
City/State: White Hall, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 11:22:29
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.

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Name: Betty Barrett
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Huntington, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I support West Virginia's improving standards for school meals. They are making a difference now, and continuing will help us see more improvement. I am proud that Cabell County has been a leader. When my children were in school, there were lots of hotdogs and pizza, fewer healthy foods. My grandchildren are seeing - and eating - healthier meals. It has been a huge benefit to add free breakfast for all students. Please know that there are many of us who approve of the higher standards and want to keep them.

prevent obesity. The repeal and replacement of Policy 4321.1 places an unnecessary burden on county level administrators and staff to make decisions about the nutritive value and safety of foods that they may not have the time or ability to make. I also feel that Smart Snacks Standards, while admirable, do not go far enough to protect our children from highly processed foods as well as caffeinated and artificially sweetened beverages. I value and respect all of West Virginia's children and want them to have access to every opportunity to be healthy, active and successful, therefore I encourage expansion and support for healthy meals and snacks at school. I encourage you to continue to design and promote state-level policies related to nutrition and physical activity that foster an atmosphere of health and wellness for all students, staff and administration.

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Name: Gina Wood
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Ripley, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-16 16:10:22
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Please accept these comments an expression of my support for the maintenance of the current version of Policy 4321.1. (Standards for School Nutrition) which for many years have met and exceeded federal guidelines, making West Virginia a leader in the field of school nutrition. Eating habits are established at a very young age and given that that 67% of west Virginia’s public school students qualify for free or reduced meals, schools are in the important and unique position to not only nourish hungry children, but also to positively impact their eating patterns both now and in the future. This will directly affect their health as adults and influence their ability to be productive, successful members of their communities. I would like to specifically address the proposed policy’s rescission of the guidance provided to county board offices regarding acceptable foods during school celebrations. The top source of calories for 2-18 year-olds is grain based desserts ! contributing an average of 138 calories a day. Added sugars for this age group contributes 11-17% of total calories, exceeding the recommendation of no more than 10%. Children build preferences for foods that are offered in a positive environment, therefore celebrations should be viewed as an opportunity to introduce and promote healthier foods. Permitting county schools to return to an environment where school celebrations include unlimited amounts of foods high in sugar, fat and sodium is not in the best interest of student health and does not reinforce healthy behaviors in a positive environment; in fact it sends the message that celebrations should always revolve around food. This is not simply about a child being allowed to have a cupcake, it is about establishing a culture of health in the school environment where children spend a majority of their time. I am also concerned that if foods can be brought from home, there is potential for the introduction of food allergens and/or other undesirable additives, as well as potential cleanliness and sanitation issues. West Virginia leads the nation in the prevalence of many chronic diseases such as obesity and diabetes which contribute to premature deaths from heart disease and cancer. The Harvard School of Public Health recommends serving healthy foods in the school setting, limiting availability and marketing of unhealthful foods and sugary drinks, and making water available to students throughout the day as some of the ways that schools can help

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Name: Jessica Walden
Organization: Dietetics Student Marshall University/Mother/Homeroom Mother at Public School/Citizen
Title:
City/State: Ona, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-19 07:09:55
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Be proud to have stricter, more health conscious, research-science proven rules that govern what is brought in and sold to the school students. Being in line with the Federal rules when they are not the best for healthy outcomes is NOT what West Virginia needs. West Virginia is always falling behind. This is one area that we can shine and be proud to be ABOVE the Federal standards! Inquire with a registered dietitian, contact me - I'll get you in line with many certified, professional, well-spoken. licensed dietitians about the health crisis concerns this change will encourage. Don't be like the rest - STAND UP AND STAND PROUD WV!

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Contact Registered Dietitians about how wellness is linked to adequate and healthy food and beverage intake. Take a stand and stay strong, West Virginia, to influence positive, true healthy education for public school children - the world around them will teach them all of the sugar and convenience foods. The public school system should be TEACHING what it takes to keep a healthy body and mind. TEACHING students HOW TO COOK, HOW TO SHOP (budget), WHAT TO EAT for balanced health and growth.

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

The school system is a public entity. It should be TEACHING the attendees EDUCATION about nutrition! Registered Dietitians study at University level for 4 years + a hands-on internship with courses in biology, chemistry, anatomy - RDs should be teaching in the public school system. The public is influenced by marketing of poor choices and miscommunication in all areas, it should not be in the school system. It is the duty of the school system to EDUCATE with TRUTH for the ENCOURAGEMENT of a BRIGHT AND HEALTHY FUTURE for the NEXT GENERATION! Consult a Registered Dietitian (WVBOLD has dietitians on hand as well as www.eatrightwv.org WVAND) to truly understand how lowering standards doesn't help West Virginia.

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Name: Jessica Walden
Organization: MU Dietetics Student/Homeroom Mother/Mother/Citizen
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Make West Virginia a LEADER in the area of Nutrition Education and offerings in the school system that promote HEALTH AND BRIGHT FUTURES!

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

<http://www.clubindustry.com/studies/energy-drinks-could-harm-blood-pressure-and-heart-rate-aha-study-findsrnrn>We do NOT want caffeinated beverages in our schools! The marketing and sales are high enough for these items outside of the school. The public school must take ground and truly care about proving EDUCATION to the students. Providing options that promote HEALTH for today and tomorrow! I know for a fact that my children think that what is offered at school is good for them. This is how it should be, we should not have to question what is going on in the school environment, "is it promoting good choices and true education for shaping minds?" If it is offered at school, it needs to be teaching good lifestyle. Many areas can be grey - but this one, is NOT! Check the science - an article is attached above. Stick with science and consult a registered dietitian - you have many on staff and there are public policy focused RDs a WVAND ready to share the science! www.eatright!wv.org

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Name: Megan Govindan
Organization: West Virginia University
Title: Director - Didactic Program in Dietetics, Teaching Associate Professor in Human Nutrition & Foods
City/State: Morgantow, WV
Role: Higher Education Faculty
Posted: 2017-06-19 08:31:24
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I do not feel we can afford to tack on to guidelines that could be lowered or scrapped at any time. It is not only undermining our efforts to create a healthy environment in our schools, it can also create an administrative nightmare for our schools who are trying to follow ever changing rules. A big concern about the Smart Snack beverage guidelines is that it allows for caffeinated beverages in high schools (previously, caffeine was prohibited). This leaves the door open for things like Monster Low Carb, Red Bull Sugar Free, Rock Star Sugar Free, Rock Star Zero Carb, Java Monster, etc. which are inherently dangerous. I personally was very specific in my stance against this. Not to mention this allowance will attract coffee vendors wanting to place coffee bars in the high schools. Smart Snacks also allow for non-nutritive sweeteners in beverages in high school. This is controversial to some people of course, but the previous policy did not allow them. Report from AHA o!

n the latest study on energy drinks: Energy drinks harm BP and heart rate:

<http://www.clubindustry.com/studies/energy-drinks-could-harm-blood-pressure-and-heart-rate-aha-study-finds>

The bottom line is that this new policy aims for the bare minimum. This is very disheartening for many of us trying to create a culture of health in our school environments. We have a crisis of poor health in our state, and we should be holding our standards high, not settling for mediocre. I feel it is my job and our opportunity as healthcare providers to create a culture of health in our schools, the place where our children spend a MAJORITY of their time. We know that the outside environment does not always support healthy lifestyles in many of our communities. Why is it a problem to hold nutrition standards to a higher level in the school environment?

Comments for section 126-86-3 Operational Definitions

There is also very specific language related to rewards and penalties so that children are not denied meals or treated differently for outstanding meal debt, as well as food not being used as reward or taken away as punishment.

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Name: Brenda Arrowood
Organization: Wayne County Board of Education
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Role: Professional Support
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Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

5.4 Remove the last part of the last sentence "without prior approval from the county Child Nutrition Director." This contradicts the policy 3.4 that no food may be sold in competition to the reimbursable school meal.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

8.1 add statement 10 minutes and 20 minutes after the last child has been served. Many principals want to count from the beginning of the meal to the end of the meal and not take into account the time required to get through the serving line.

Comments for section 126-86-9 Staffing

9.1.a.4 Temporary for 3 years then permanent as long as the director completes the 12 hours of CEUs per year.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

11.2 omit in the first sentence "or individual listed on a student emergency card". People can list their neighbor, friend, etc.

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Name: Tamela Jack
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Title: Teacher
City/State: Philippi, Wv
Role: Teacher
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

The meals provided in the schools may be the only meals some of these children receive throughout the day. It should be a decent meal for these children to enjoy. mThe portion size does not match the students. A middle school and high school student require more calories throughout the day. It is sad that students receive 4 meatballs and 5 french fries with a meal. (You must have counting abilities to be a cook in the school system.)

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

Teachers should be allowed create lessons using food and cooking. Students are very involved with learning.

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Name: Leatha Williams
Organization: Braxton County Schools
Title: Director of Technology, Assess., Food Service
City/State: Sutton, WV
Role: School System Staff
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

A general comment not related to this section, but the list of stakeholders included in the policy repeal and replacement is that all regions of the state were not equally represented in the stakeholders group...according to the list in attendance. For example, on the list the Country Roads Co-op does not seem to have a representative. rnrn3.2 and 3.5 rnrn3.2 ...Beverages...will be determined and defined by the USDA Smart Snack guidelines...add these as an appendices. This policy should act as informational guidance and the information simply is not included in this section. A direct link, additional clarification or an appendices on this should be included. rn3.5 the policy states...USDA milk containing vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration. I believe a link to this information should be included or it should be added as an appendices for review. This policy should include all the information that a parent, student, community member, superintendent, child nutrition director needs to ensure that expectations are met. It is not enough to reference these levels...

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

5.4 states....without the prior approval of the county Child Nutrition Director. I believe this should state without the prior approval of the Superintendent, Local Board of Education with the recommendation of the Child Nutrition Director. All fund raisers and sales must go through the Superintendent and Local Board of Education as a standard practice, this is almost usurping that process and could creating conflict between that process and this policy. Something as serious as approving competition with the NSLP, which would effect reimbursable meals served should be approved by the Superintendent and Local School Board.

mentioned in policy. As required by the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, the Professional Standards for State and Local Nutrition Program Personnel Final Rule was published on March 2, 2015 and becomes effective on July 1, 2015. This Final Rule defines hiring standards for new state directors of school nutrition programs, state directors of distributing agencies that oversee USDA Foods, and school nutrition program directors for both self-preparation facilities and Local Education Agencies/School Food Authorities (LEA/SFA) that contract with food service management companies (FSMC). The Final Rule also requires all school food service personnel to complete annual continuing education/training requirements. The implementation of Professional Standards is intended to ensure that school nutrition professionals that administer, manage and operate the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program have adequate knowledge and training to meet program requirements. The overall goal is to improve the quality of school meals, reduce errors, and enhance program integrity.

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Name: Hollie Best
Organization: Wood County Schools
Title: Child Nutrition Director
City/State: Parkersburg, WV
Role: Professional Support
Posted: 2017-06-23 11:51:48
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

In the last sentence of this section it should read "The purpose of this policy" not "document". A policy is being created by the WVDE.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Currently the nutrition standards for competitive foods and beverages only apply to "The Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards apply to any foods sold to students". As a registered dietitian as well as a child nutrition director, I would like to see this changed to "sold or served". This is important in promoting healthier options while kids are in school, helping them promote lifelong healthy eating habits. rnrnSection 5.4 contraindicates 5.3 where it states "No food or beverage shall be sold, served, or distributed." If your goal/purpose is to decrease the availability of healthy nutritious foods to all students(elementary/middle/high)and not compete with the USDA Child Nutrition Program by providing the statement "without prior approval from the county Child Nutrition Director" you are stating it is okay to serve items if your Child Nutrition Director approves the sale. To be able to sell an item during the time of meal service periods should not be an option for!

schools!rnrnI would like to see the policy address caffeine to students. The prior policy had standards 5.1.A.11 and 5.1.a.12 related to coffee/coffee products/caffeine. The journal "Pediatrics in Review" concludes that caffeine laden beverages can cause rapid heartbeat, high blood pressure, obesity, and other medical problems in teens. More than 100 milligrams caffeine is considered unhealthy for a teenager. To not address caffeine is turning a blind eye to our children and our students health.

Comments for section 126-86-9 Staffing

No where in the staffing does it mention the Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Since this is required, I do feel that it should be

Serving foods students like makes happier student, better test scores and less waste

Comments for section 126-86-9 Staffing

Adequate staffing is a must no one should ever be working alone and under staffing make changes of injury highet

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Not even sure I agree with this policy

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

Special diet must be followed with proper Dr paperwork and people need to pay attention and stop complaining so much when it has to be done

Comments for section 126-86-12 Accountability and Compliance

Everyone should be held accountable now just one or two It is your job to know your jib

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and a student should never be denied a meal or extra if they want itb

Comments for section 126-86-14 Rewards and Penalties

Stop threatening people who don't comply put actions to qork

Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

Become aware of what students like and will eat the best yes follow guidelines but allow for variation

Comments for section 126-86-16 Severability

Make people accountable for their actions from not serving correct foods or changing menu for their convenience and fire those who take food home

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Name: Beverly Bart
Organization: Harrison county cook
Title: Cook
City/State: Shinnston, WV
Role: School System Staff
Posted: 2017-06-25 17:17:41
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

We new menu students like

Comments for section 126-86-3 Operational Definitions

Better product especially for fresh bread and fruit

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Students that aren't hungry will have better tests scores

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

Some of this spinach , and black beans students absolutely hate take them off the menu

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

Too many choices makes more wasteb

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Serving students what their age levels like the best will help them eat better so make those foods available to them ,
Elementary students do not eat salad and it isn't a filling meal either

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

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Name: Melissa Basden
Organization: Ms
Title:
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 06:25:07
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I strongly believe we should have more standards and guidance regarding what our kids are served in the schools cafeterias, not less. Have you seen the data? School lunches on WV are getting more nutritious. If you lower standards, or worse yet, give up control of managing standards and guidance for our state, less attention and care will be given to what our kids eat in school. If you are going to mess with the guidelines, why not put in language that advises that meal portions should be served in amounts more related to the children's age. I'd like to see more value placed on eating food grown locally. The school garden programs are fantastic. Do you know about them?

lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.
• I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children!

• There are two other important ways West Virginia's school food standards should stay higher than federal minimum standards: Caffeine should not be sold or distributed in West Virginia high schools. And we need reasonable, safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and drink that can be served at school celebrations. In those two cases, leave our standards as they are.

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Name: sarah kendall
Organization: kcs
Title: school psychologist
City/State: charleston, wv
Role: Professional Support
Posted: 2017-06-26 06:31:53
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

It's no time to take backward steps! If we can drop our child obesity rate, West Virginia truly does have a chance of getting off the top of the worst health lists. Let's work with the schools on this.
Relevant facts: Between 2012 and 2017, the obesity rate of WV second-graders dropped from 24.5 to 20.6 percent according to WVU's CARDIAC program. That's huge in the world of statistics. Looks like we're on a roll! Much credit goes to a big improvement in school food during that time: far less processed food for kids, much more nutritious meals.
Info you need: If the proposal is adopted, as written:
* West Virginia's school food standards would be joined in lockstep to the federal minimum standards. In other words, if the federal standards drop, West Virginia's standards would automatically have to drop too.
* Two years ago, this would not have been a problem. But since January, the federal USDA has made it clear that they intend to lower federal school food

standards on a variety of fronts.
* West Virginia is considered a national leader in school food standards. If the proposal is approved as it is, West Virginia standards will automatically drop any time Washington lowers a standard. We will no longer have control of our own school lunch policy.
* You can find a more detailed discussion here.
One School Board member said he wasn't sure if West Virginians care about the quality of school food. "We never hear from any who do," he said. Let them hear from you. Comment by going to this link:

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/onlinecomment.html?id=4321.1>
Use your own words. Let them know if you're a parent or grandparent, Here are possible talking points to consider:
* I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered.
* If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health

lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.
* Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to

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Name: Jane Wagner
Organization: School volunteer
Title: Retired teacher
City/State: Charles Town, Wv
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

WV needs to keep or raise current nutrition standards, not relax them. I've seen changes over recent years not only in what's on plates, but in habits and level of knowledge on the vital importance of good nutrition for health now and form developing healthy habits for life. Schools are place to learn, not just 3 Rs, but also new habits. That takes time and effort. Keep WV standards high and continue educating our food service workers and other staff, kids, Families and communities - leading by example.

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Name: Linda McGervey
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Fairmont , W V
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

As an Aunt who's struggled with Obesity her whole life I do not want my nieces and nephews to go they the same. It's time for WV to start setting standards not to follow declining ones. I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.

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Name: S. Thomas Bond
Organization:
Title: Dr.
City/State: Jane Lew, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

In a state with so many poor, school meals have an important educational effect. The only real meals many of the children get is at school. In many of these families, the practice is to buy cheap foodstuffs and let the children when and how much they eat. It is no wonder they become overweight, because they eat mostly fat and sugar. Lowering meal standards is a disservice to individuals and to society which must take care of them.

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Name: Katherine Cauley
Organization: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Title: Member
City/State: Huntington, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I care about the health standards of WV youth. I am so happy that the State saw a dramatic decrease in childhood obesity. Some children get their only meals at school, a fulfilling meal is very important for this exact reason. Please do not lower WV health standards on school lunches.

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Name: Renee Anderson
Organization:
Title: Retired Teacher, Volunteer
City/State: Cleveland, WV
Role:
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Please maintain our high standards for school lunches and party foods as they have begun to result in a decrease in childhood obesity rates. For so many of our children, school is one of the few places where healthy food is served regularly and where they have come to learn that you don't need empty calories to celebrate. It takes time to change behavior and eating habits but I have personally seen children come to prefer fresh fruits and vegetables over "junk" as party food.

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Name: cathy clark
Organization:
Title:
City/State: inwood, West Virginia
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

· I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered.· If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.· Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.

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Organization: Stone Strategies
Title: Owner
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Children need access to fresh fruits and vegetables. They also need to be involved in local food production- gardening and preparing foods so that there is an early understanding of where foods come from and the risks of processed foods.
Investment in locally grown foods increases local wealth, supports the local economy improves the nutritional health of our children and strengthens families by encouraging family meal prep and eating together. This type of investment in families and communities rather than mass produced, chemically-laden foods is the right thing for WV children and improving our economy.

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Name: nancy karavolos
Organization: brooke county schools
Title: coordinator of nutrition
City/State: Wellsburg, wv
Role: School System Staff
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I have been a food service director in the school system for 26 years- I have been involved in many changes throughout those years.
The past three to four years children taste have change- they are drinking more water- they are eating vegetables and fruits- as long as we teach them at a young age.

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Name: Melinda Russell
Organization:
Title: Grandparent
City/State: Alderson, WV
Role: Parent-Family
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Please do not tie our school nutrition standards to the federal standards, which could be lowered at any time. Our school food has improved, childhood obesity is declining, and let 's keep it that way!

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Name: Juliette Oldaker
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Buckhannon, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Do not lower the standards of the food program in our schools.
By lowering them you will be going backwards, children need proper nutrition to have well functioning brains and body. They are the future let's not fill them with sub-standard processed food. This state in a very poor health as is let's not continue this downfall let's change is with the future of our children and proper nutrition in our schools. I urge you not to revert back to the "federal standards" for school lunch program.

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Name: Pam Kasey

Organization:

Title:

City/State: Morgantown, WV

Role: Parent-Family

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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Please don't let standards drop for our school food programs. I've seen the many negative immediate and long-term emotional and physical effects of childhood obesity. The state will see benefits forever from the progress we've made so far in reducing childhood obesity. The quality of food in schools is an irresponsible place to cut corners -- please keep control of these standards within the state.

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Name: Elana Zambori
Organization: National Organization for Women
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City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Community Member
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

More nutritious foods, less health problems down the road. There is no reason we should be pumping future generations full of unhealthy fats and carbs. Healthy fruits and vegetables SHOULD ALWAYS BE AN OPTION.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Drinking water, and its cleanliness, is something that should not only be addressed but taken seriously. It is saddening to see such a naturally beautiful state with what used to be a surplus of natural resources be destroyed by pollution and ignorance.

Comments for section 126-86-11 Special Dietary Considerations and Food Allergies

I myself, struggle with food allergies. Just like the color of a person's skin and their zodiac sign, this is an issue that many people have no control over. Therefore, needs should be met to aid and assist those with food allergies or special diets.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Helen Post-Brown
Organization: Sunbeam ELc
Title: Owner/Director
City/State: Fairmont, WV
Role: Principal
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

Keep our standards. Protect our children in WV. do not go backwards. Keep our higher school standards.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Susan Sims
Organization:
Title: Program Coordinator
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role:
Posted: 2017-06-26 10:58:38
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

No chocolate milk
No juice
No soda
Lots of non starchy vegetables

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Do not take a step back in school nutrition.

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

No junk food

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Water should be a preferred beverage.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Bob Hoffa

Organization:

Title:

City/State: Renick, WV

Role: Business-Industry

Posted: 2017-06-26 10:58:27

Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Healthy food= healthy minds and bodies= smarter kids= smarter adults

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Kristin Federer
Organization: None
Title: Concerned parent
City/State: Elkins, Wv
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 10:52:37
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am greatly concerned with the proposed drop and nutrition standards for West Virginia's school-age children. Firstly the drop in childhood obesity has been a direct result of better less processed and more nutritious Foods in our schools. Some children do not have access to healthy foods in their homes for reasons of economics or simply poor choices made by parents. Obesity and our children's health is very important to me and all of West Virginia's parents. Obesity aside proper nutrition is crucial for learning and also behavior modification. Children who do not receive enough amino acids have been proven to suffer from depression add ADHD and a myriad of other health and mental problems. Caffeine should not be served in our Public Schools or available. Frankly people just cannot think straight or behave properly when they do not have proper nutrition. Things such as trans fat and preservatives like tbhq have been proven to significantly raise the likelihood of developing!

certain cancers and organ malfunction and possibly even reproductive failure. Our children's nutrition is certainly not something we should be cutting corners on to save money. These children are the future generation of a working-class 4 West Virginia and also the next generation of parents. If these children are not taught about healthy eating now they will not know how to feed their children healthily when they have them. This is extremely important 2 West Virginia families. We need our children to be healthy and educated so that we can have a positive future in the fine state of West Virginia. It completely baffles me that people would even consider dropping the standard of our Foods served in our Public Schools when West Virginia is so high on the list of General unhealthiness. The proof of the success of a higher standard of food seems obvious in the drop of her childhood obesity rate. Also foods with dyes have been proven to cause symptoms that mimic ADD and ADHD in!

children and medications for these illnesses are being given !
out like

crazy when in many cases proper nutrition would completely eradicate the problem. Nutrition is medicine prevention of illness. This is grade school science here not rocket science. Everyone knows that you are what you eat and if you eat garbage then your body reflects that and so does your mind. It is completely unacceptable 4 West Virginia to lower the standards for nutrition in their schools.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Sara Anderson
Organization: WVU
Title: Professor
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 10:44:39
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

West Virginia child nutrition policy will be the USDA minimum policy as it existed on June 20, 2017. After that date, if the USDA lowers a minimum standard, West Virginia standards will remain at the June 20, 2017 level unless the Office of Child Nutrition and WVDE Nutrition Advisory Council decides that it is in the interest of West Virginia children to lower West Virginia's standard too.

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Name: Tenley Shewmake
Organization: Lewisburg Farmer's Market
Title: Secretary
City/State: Renick, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 10:44:00
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I would not like WV to degrade our school food standards by linking them to Federal standards. Since January, the federal USDA has made it clear that they intend to lower federal school food standards.rnl am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered.rnBecause of our current high standards we have reduced childhood obesity, this improves health and reduces financial costs. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are important to the quality of life in our state.

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Name: Ann Cline
Organization: Adjunct Faculty
Title: Concord University
City/State: Beckley, West Virginia
Role: Higher Education Faculty
Posted: 2017-06-26 10:43:29
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am writing to let you know that since we retired here from Chicago in 2011 I have been in WV schools as a university supervisor of student teachers. I have been able to observe the high quality of school lunches, better than I saw in Chicago Public Schools. I can also see that students rely on this food for their nutrition. Please keep the standards high and don't follow tendencies in Washington to diminish nutrition in the name of "freedom".

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Stephanie Armstrong
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 10:42:52
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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I am concerned and have been concerned about the nutritional programs in our school system for several years. I am all about healthy food choices; however the food being served in the schools my children have attended have gradually been so limited in flavor both of my kids come home at the end of the day very hungry. I believe if the cooks were allowed to prepare food from scratch, as they did when we all were in school, our children would be healthy. That includes the big 'hot rolls' served with the pat of real butter on the side, we all grew up fine and most of us learned and graduated from high school and went on to college, technical schools, or joined the military. BUT, not only did we eat REAL food, we had recess, physical education integrated within the school day. This allowed us to not only exercise our bodies but also give our minds a break, as well. This encouraged us to want to learn when we were in the class room. But the recess and phys. ed is another topic. P!
Please feed our children food that they can taste, not processed 'healthy' foods. They are not eating it. My daughter will be a junior in high school and I hope she can come home and tell me that she actually ate something for lunch when she gets home from school this year and next. Thank you.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Our children need to be offered more water at school. Water fountains are not a clean way for them to be able to have availability of fresh filtered water. Please think about this.

Comments for section 126-86-10 Local Wellness Policy

Please ensure that each child has mandatory physical education and recess daily in school. We all grew up with a morning recess and afternoon recess, outside running and playing not just sitting on ipads or phones, our children need to move.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: dana coester

Organization:

Title:

City/State: Morgantown, WV

Role: Parent-Family

Posted: 2017-06-26 10:41:10

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Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

I understand the state is facing a budget crisis, but lowering standards in the nutrition programs will, like everything else, disproportionately affect low-income students, whose nutrition is already in jeopardy. I don't know how many more cuts to health and wellness this community can sustain. And while families with means may be able to potentially fill this gap, their economic status means they have more mobility, which means they are likely to just leave the state altogether, as parents measure the holistic qualities of schools as they make determinations about where to live and raise their families, and it certainly doesn't help recruit families into the state, or encourage West Virginians who have left to return to raise their families here.

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Name: Lauren
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 10:07:12
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

What is the reason for the repeal of the previous policy regarding school nutrition? Is it just money, or were children not getting healthier? If it is just money that is the issue as I assume is the case, the lower standards in the new policy will be more expensive in the long-term with unhealthy children becoming unhealthy adults needing extensive medical care and possibly being unable to work. West Virginia rarely works towards the highest standard in health which is part of the reason we as a state are on the top of so many poor health lists. The old policy had us at the top for a change working toward a better outlook for our state's children who are most likely not getting fed properly at home, if at all. This policy still addresses feeding the children regardless of payment which is a major positive, but if we are lowering the standards to just what we need to in order to pass, then is that really doing right by the children? Can you honestly tell me that this new policy will provide the same results as the previous one in terms of child health outcomes?

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Sheila Kay Bennett
Organization: Lewis County Board of Education
Title: Teacher
City/State: Weston, West Virginia
Role: Teacher
Posted: 2017-06-26 09:56:00
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

As a teacher, I see children/students on a daily basis that the only healthy meals they consume are the ones they receive from the school. rnl believe our food/drink standards need to be stricter and not leaning toward leniency. More fruits & vegetables and healthy snacks need to be promoted through special programs and vouchers that introduce information to parents and guardians. rnl am the Wellness Coordinator at our school and I am more than willing to engage/help in anything that promotes a more healthy lifestyle.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Laura Walker
Organization: Marshall University
Title: Prog Asst II
City/State: Huntington, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 09:48:58
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Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I am a WV native and state employee of higher education at Marshall University. I have two children in public school in the city of Huntington, in Cabell County, WV, one of the cities chosen by Jamie Oliver for national public school food reform, Jamie's Food Revolution. I am very proud of the national recognition our state has received for our school food program, and am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered!

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Between 2012 and 2017, the obesity rate of WV second-graders dropped from 24.5 to 20.6 percent according to WVU's CARDIAC program. Much credit goes to a big improvement in school food standards during that time: far less processed food for kids, much more nutritious meals. If we can get a grip on child obesity now, we can solve many financial problems later, including high insurance premiums for poor general adult health and mounting health care costs later in life. Please do not let our standards be lowered!

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Nutritious foods and high nutrition standards are paramount to America's fight against childhood obesity. The 2017 national standards are clearly being lowered on public school foods, per the USDA! Please do not let WV's standards be lowered! WV is currently considered as one of the national leaders in school food standards. Please do not let WV's standards be lowered!

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Lori Swadley
Organization:
Title:
City/State: MARTINSBURG, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 09:48:21
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I heard from another mom that you are considering dropping the recent improvements to the school food standards that have helped to finally make a difference in our state's obesity rate the last several years. I hope this is not true, as it is literally the ONLY thing we can brag about our state. If we go back to incorporating federal minimums, we all know the USDA is about to lower federal minimums again and we will never get out of being at the bottom of all the health lists in the country. I know many people are more concerned about obesity, which I agree is a problem, but the food that we put in our children's bodies does so much more than affect what we LOOK like. It affects their behavior, how they feel throughout the day, their attention spans, and their brain development. In a state that is struggling in so many ways, and always comes in near the bottom of the most embarrassing lists, shouldn't we be doing all we can to help our children become a much better version !
of what we became? My family is lucky now that we are able to afford to pack lunches if needed with healthy, nutritious foods. However, just a few years ago, we were struggling and needed WIC to be able to buy milk. I wouldn't have been able to afford to pack nutritious lunches everyday at that time. The poor children, especially, need these higher standards of nutrition, so they have a better chance of breaking that cycle of poverty. Please, don't take away that chance for them!

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Robb Major
Organization:
Title: Parent
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 09:44:34
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.rnrnIf we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.

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Name: Kathleen Martin
Organization: Robert C. Byrd Clinic
Title: Pediatrician
City/State: Lewisburg, West Virginia
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 09:44:11
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I am a pediatrician serving a number of rural counties in southern West Virginia. Daily, I see first hand the effect poor food and exercise choices make on my patients. Many West Virginian families live in poverty and have limited access to healthy foods at home. In addition, the traditional West Virginian diet is highly processed and full of sugar. Public school has been a place for children to get food that they may not receive at home. In the past several years I have seen the quality of food go up. Children are eating vegetables and fruits every day! This has made a significant impact on our childhood obesity rate. Why do I think this is important? A well nourished child does better in school. The literature supports this regardless of what some politicians may say. Children who do better in school achieve more. Don't we want future West Virginians to be successful? Obesity is easier to address in a growing child than in an adult set in his or her ways. Obesity related!

illnesses like type 2 diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, kidney disease, etc. can be avoided or delayed. This will save West Virginian tax payers money. I can't imagine this isn't a desirable outcome. Please do not let our standards be lowered. We can't afford to go backward. I've had the privilege to work with Dr. Bill Neal prior to his retirement on the CARDIAC project. He and the team have gathered a great deal of data in regards to children, obesity, and obesity related heart disease. Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. It's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. One of the biggest changes that occurred during that time period was the change in public school food standards. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school. Please!

se don't allow West Virginia to fall behind once again. Please!

consider

nutrition an important preventative health measure.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Debora McNeer
Organization: Summers County Democratic Executive Committee
Title: Treasurer
City/State: Forest Hill, WV
Role: Community Member
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Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

It seems to me that we should be doing all we can to improve nutrition standards for school meals, rather than reduce them. I urge The WVBOE to adopt nutrition standards that encourage healthful choices, with fresh food options. Also â€¦ dessert is not a requirement at any meal. When I was a kid, we got fruit in school lunches and at home we had dessert once a week, on Sunday.

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Name: Kristen Ross
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 09:20:13
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

I travel often and the first thing I notice is how the people in other places are not obese and as u healthy as the people back home in WV. Eating habits are learned as a child, and for most children, the only positive daily nutritious meals they receive are from school. If we want healthy WV adults, we must have healthy WV children.

Comments for section 126-86-4 Nutrition Standards for Child Nutrition Programs

Caffeine is a stimulant and should not be given at schools. Also added salts and sugars (although then make things taste better) should not be allowed because of our obesity epidemic. I do think an occasional cupcake for a holiday is fine (teaches moderation) but the daily meals must be healthy.

Comments for section 126-86-5 Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

No caffeine, milk with no added hormones, less juice.

Comments for section 126-86-6 A La Carte Sales

Must have healthy options.

Comments for section 126-86-7 Availability of Drinking Water

Let children have access to water throughout the day. Allow them to use reusable refillable bottles like many healthy and active adults uses.

Comments for section 126-86-8 Adequate Time for Student Meal Consumption

Eating slowly allows a person to realize they are full.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Brooke Towner
Organization: West Virginia University
Title: Coaching and Teaching Studies Graduate Assistant
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Community Member
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Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Between 2012 and 2017, the obesity rate of WV second-graders dropped from 24.5 to 20.6 percent according to WVU's CARDIAC program. That's huge in the world of statistics. Much credit goes to a big improvement in school food during that time: far less processed food for kids, much more nutritious meals. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.

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Name: Cindy Fitch
Organization: WVU Extension
Title: Associate Dean
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Higher Education Faculty
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

West Virginia's school food standards have been a point of pride for the last few years. It is an area in which we go first and the standards are working! Kids have healthier food and that healthier food and increased physical activity has resulted in a lower obesity rate. That's a huge success! Please maintain our Child Nutrition Program standards as they are as of June 20, 2017 or better and don't lower them just because they federal standards are lowered. Our kids deserve the best we can give them.

Amanda Harrison

From: Nobody <nobody@kryten.wvnet.edu>
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Name: Kimberly Meigh
Organization: West Virginia University
Title: Assistant Professor
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 08:58:52
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school. Please do NOT turn back the progress we've made!!

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Name: Julia Spelsberg
Organization: City of Weston
Title: Mayor
City/State: Weston, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 08:55:15
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I have been involved on the municipal level with creating healthy physical activities for children by creating playgrounds. I have also been involved with the TRY THIS whose goal is to get children eating healthy again. It is important that we continue these efforts because it is having an effect. Our Hospital found that a majority of people surveyed felt that obesity was our number one health concern in Lewis County. Providing nutritional and healthy food is imperative.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: Sam Zizzi
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Morgantown, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 08:42:12
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I am a parent in Monongalia County. WV has taken excellent measures to ensure food quality in schools, and it is having an impact. I have been impressed to see many more fresh foods at my daughters' school (Mountainview Elementary). I am strongly OPPOSED to us moving a step backward and tying our standards to federal standards, which are likely to be lowered or reversed. I urge you not to adopt this proposed measure. rnSam Zizzirn151 Wagner Road

Comments for section 126-86-13 Feed to Achieve - Innovative Breakfast Delivery Strategies

Feed to achieve has unintended consequences related to obesity. Only fresh fruit and vegg should be provided, not processed garbage like "superdonuts". The kids who have the least should not be given garbage to eat.

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Comment Received for Policy 4321.1

Name: Judy E. Hamilton
Organization: Judy E. Hamilton, Attorney at Law & Mediator
Title:
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 08:40:31
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Although my child is now in college, I know she benefited from West Virginia having high standards in its school food program. Good nutrition is part of why she is an outstanding student at West Virginia University as a National Merit Scholar and Eberly Scholar. I have three nephews and a niece in West Virginia schools and I care about their health and the health of their classmates. rnrn· I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. Please do not allow our standards to be lowered.rnrn· If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.rnrn· Since 2008, West Virginia's school food standards have gotten better and !
better. And it's making a difference. Since 2011, the obesity rate of our second graders has dropped almost 20 percent. Every year, the school food gets better and better. This is no time to lower our standards. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. That's a very good thing in a state where many kids get their most nutritious food at school.rnrn· I support keeping our West Virginia standards strong and do not want West Virginia's child nutrition standards to automatically drop when/if the USDA lowers federal minimum standards. Please insert language that causes the Office of Child Nutrition to review any such drops and decide if they are in the best interest of West Virginia children.rnrn· There are two other important ways West Virginia's school food standards should stay higher than federal minimum standards: Caffeine should not be sold or distributed in West Virginia high schools. And we need reasonable, safe restrictions on the kinds of foods and d!
rink that can be served at school celebrations. In those two c!
ases, le
ave our standards as they are.rnrnFinally, in addition to high nutrition standards, I recommend that policies be implemented that encourage positivity in other areas of children's lives. West Virginia is once again rated as the unhappiest state in the nation. Making good food choices makes a child feel better - a positive - and better able to learn - another positive! Thank you for all your hard work.

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Name: Ellen Ingles
Organization: Fayette Fair Share
Title:
City/State: FAYETTEVILLE, Wv
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 08:28:16
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

It is outrageous to drop the standard for school lunches. From 1987- 2010 the school lunches where so terrible I packed my children's lunches.rnNow that progress is being made in reducing obesity in our schools you want to drop the current standards?rnStop following Trump blindly & get your heads out of the sand.

Amanda Harrison

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Name: s. kendall
Organization:
Title:
City/State: charleston, wv
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 07:57:50
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

please keep the healthy nutrition standards in our schools. They are already showing improvement in the health and weight of our kids.

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Comment Received for Policy 4321.1

Name: Christopher Pennington
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Oak Hill, WV
Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2017-06-26 07:57:40
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-1 General

I am proud of the national recognition West Virginia has received for our school food program, and I am concerned about child obesity in our state. If we can get a grip on child obesity, we can get our state off the top of the worst health lists and solve many financial problems. Nutritious school food and solid child nutrition standards are an important part of our fight against child obesity. Please do not let our standards be lowered.

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Name: Nelle Chilton
Organization:
Title:
City/State: Charleston, WV
Role: Community Member
Posted: 2017-06-26 07:49:04
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Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

It is very important to continue to improve the nutritional value of food in the school. We are making progress because of increased awareness of the importance of simple good food in the schools. WV must no longer lead the nation in negative health statistics. Healthy habit are formed young and last a lifetime. Tying our school nutrition standards to a national standard will weaken the efforts of local school champions and administrators who care about the health of our chi and state.

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Comment Received for Policy 4321.1

Name: Linda Bunce
Organization: Raleigh County School System
Title: Mrs.
City/State: Cool Ridge, WV
Role: Teacher
Posted: 2017-06-26 07:47:21
Posted from IP:

Comments for section 126-86-2 Purpose

Do not align our WV standards with the Federal standards. WV has gotten acclaim for high standards and for actually lowering the childhood obesity rate, a kind of miracle. We rank so poorly in most measurements for health, for so many reasons. Those meals are the main source of nutrition for many of our kids, so they need to be the right kind of calories. As a teacher of very young children, our classroom spends the year basically, talking about healthy habits, including trying new food, eating a variety of food, learning to cook, learning where food comes from. We learn how to listen to our body, and take care of it. Children who have never seen a particular vegetable or fruit will taste it and often enjoy something new when offered in a setting of exploration and support. Then these children develop a lifelong improvement in their relationship to food.
At school, the first year of improved standards, the lunch count went down a bit, older children complained, maybe because!
their parents did. But now everyone is used to a menu that is less processed, more whole grains, more variety of vegetables. The lunch count is better than ever. The cooks are becoming more skilled at preparing food from scratch. And adults can feel better about eating lunch at school too, that it can be a healthy choice. The next step would be to find more local sources of food, to provide even better nutrition as well as income for local growers. Please leave the school food standards alone, and let the schools continue in this mode of improving health and health habits. If you want to do something helpful, increase mandatory recess time.

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Name: Carolyn Sayles
Organization:
Title:
City/State: ,
Role: Service Personnel
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Comments for section 126-86-15 Nutrition Advisory Council

Please do not compromise the quality of the food provided to the childrens lunch program. In some cases this is the only nutriton these children get. With statistics showing that in serving more nutritious lunches, the childhood obesity standards have lessened. In order for these children to succeed in school they need to have these nutritious meals. thank you for your consideration.