Director’s Dialogue

Dear School Nutrition Leaders,

This school year is moving quickly as we begin to prepare for delicious Thanksgiving School (and family) meals. I know how hard your staff will work to create a memorable meal for your students. What a special event and meal!

Having a thankfulness mindset, let me express my appreciation for the directors, coordinators and manager/supervisors who made it a priority to attend the Director's Conference in Athens. I enjoyed the opportunity to connect with so many of you and provide an update on the exciting things happening at the GaDOE that support the quality meals you are serving in your schools.

For those who could not attend here is a quick summary of what was shared during the conference. The School Nutrition Program has a newly formed Engagement group that includes Kelley Toon as our Academic Nutrition and Support Manager; and Kelli Cook, our Strategic Marketing and Communications Manager as the leaders. The former Review and Technical Assistance Unit is now Coordinated Support and Services, led by managers, Jeanne Starr, Mary Ramsaier-Kirk and Sarah Combs. I know these leaders will do a great job of holding to the review standards while working with their staff to provide excellent support for the local districts. Another minor change is the renaming of the Professional Standards and Training Unit which will now be Professional Development and Learning.

In addition, the state agency software has a new name “EDGE” and the work continues to be led by Dr. Suzanne Goebel. The recent roll-out of the Administrative Review module has gone well, and we are looking forward to sharing more modules as they are developed.

Finally, I want all of you to know how thankful I am for the local district school nutrition leadership and the state agency staff that work together to provide delicious school meals to our students.

Thank you for Fueling Georgia’s Future!

Dr. Lynette Redmon

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- **SP38 2019:** Lunch and Breakfast Meal Requirements Q&A
- **SP39-2019:** Clarification on Milk and Water Requirements
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