



## Aug/Sept 2021 Newsletter

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# Healthy Bites

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- CSNA Industry Beaver Creek CO Oct 20-22, 2021

**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**

Hello CSNA Membership~

I would like to start my first letter by thanking you for allowing me to serve as your CNSA President for 2021-2022. While I was hoping we would be going into this next school year with a return to “normal”, putting the challenges we faced over the last year and a half behind us, I am sure we will continue to be tested in our adaptability, flexibility, and creativity. (I know I am already feeling it here in Douglas County School District.) Thankfully, we now have all sorts of experience in dealing with uncertainties that I truly believe we will be prepared for anything that will come our way. As an association full of collaborators, I know we will share our successes, opportunities, and solutions to help each other and strengthen our operations.



As presidents before me have said, I am so honored to be part of CSNA. Personally, one thing I love about our association is the personal and professional diversity within our membership. Not that diversity is unique to just our association, but it is a diversity that is cooperative, inclusive and that unites us in a common goal. It brings us together for the shared purpose to feed and nourish the students in Colorado and increase the accessibility, quality, and integrity of our school nutrition programs.

Over the course of this year, the CSNA Governing Board will be working on the second plan of action from our three-year Strategic Plan. We have several areas of focus, but the highlights are to strengthen our association through strategic succession planning, engage our members through events and new volunteer opportunities, expand partnerships with allied partners and stakeholders, and continue our advocacy and public policy efforts. As a dedicated and passionate group of representatives, I am confident CSNA will continue to be a strong resource to support school meal programs in our state and a powerful voice at the national level.

As your President, I look forward to an exciting year of new challenges and adventures. I am thrilled to have in-person conferences and to reconnect with colleagues from around the state and country while building on the success of virtual platforms to broaden our member participation and engagement. But most of all, I am honored and committed to serving the members of our association through inclusive and innovative leadership.

Thank you~

Amy Faricy, RD, SNS  
2021-22 CSNA President



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## INDUSTRY SEMINAR 2021 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

We are excited to announce that registration is open now for CSNA's 2021 Industry Seminar! We will be returning to beautiful Beaver Creek, CO and this year's event theme is Reunited and Rebuilding.

Wednesday evening will kick off with a welcome dinner and time to network and reunite! Thursday's agenda will offer a phenomenal general session, informational and inspiring speakers, and the opportunity to connect and reunite with our vendor partners during our revamped flash networking. *\*NEW this year we will also be offering tabletop experiences\**. Thursday evening we will host a dinner and live auction. This is guaranteed to be a fun evening and help CSNA fundraise to rebuild our scholarship fund.

On Friday, we will close the seminar with our final round of flash networking rooms and important business updates that you will need to know as we all rebuild and lead this amazing industry through pandemic recovery to a place where anything is possible! We look forward to everyone enjoying the beautiful mountain setting while participating in this exclusive, high-level event!" See you there!

*\*It is important to note that we will have redesigned Flash Networking for 2021 and we will travel in small groups from room to room vs individual tables. We will also be offering other ways to connect such as vendor tabletops on Thursday. Visit [colosna.com](http://colosna.com) for more information!*

*Registration cost \$375 per person*

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## PP&L Updates

### **ACTION ALERT**

Last week, SNA sent its [letter of recommendations](#) to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack on current supply chain disruptions and how USDA can ease pressure on school nutrition programs struggling with procurement issues.

SNA continues to monitor supply chain disruptions and their impact on school meal programs.

**TAKE ACTION NOW!** Share SNA's letter with **your Member of Congress** to inform your Senators and Representatives and urge them to work with USDA on the latest supply chain issues affecting school meal programs.

### **COVID-19 Nationwide Waivers Extended for 2021-2022 School Year**

The Biden Administration [announced the extension](#) of several COVID-19 waivers to ensure students can continue to safely receive free school meals through the 2021-22 School Year. All schools in States that opt in are permitted to serve and claim meals through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) through the 2021-22 School Year. The waivers also allow schools to continue receiving the higher per-meal reimbursement rate offered under the Summer Food Service Program. Further, USDA is issuing a nationwide waiver to allow schools to utilize specific meal pattern flexibilities. Read more in [SNA's press release](#). View the complete list of USDA's [Child Nutrition COVID-19 waivers](#).

### **Colo. districts integrate agriculture in curriculum**

Hayden School District and South Routt School District RE-3 in Colorado are using a \$1 million state grant to expand agriculture education to pre-K through 12th-grade students. That includes teaching students where their food comes from by having students plant and harvest food and learn to cook.

**Full Story:** [The Colorado Sun \(Denver\)](#) (8/27) (Photo: Ronald Patrick/Getty Images)



### **HB21-1162 Management Of Plastic Products**

HB21-1162 that prohibits the use of polystyrene products in food establishments was approved and signed July 6, 2021. We were able to work with the bill sponsors on extending the date for implementation in the schools by one year. The bill sponsors agreed to remove the excessive fine structure for K-12. Please reach out if you have specific questions on implementation.



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# National School Lunch Week

## Oct 11-15 2021

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves nearly **30 million** children every school day. President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week (NSLW) in 1962 to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom.

During this annual weeklong celebration, SNA members and students around the country will celebrate in their cafeterias, schools and districts with special menus, events, student activities and more.

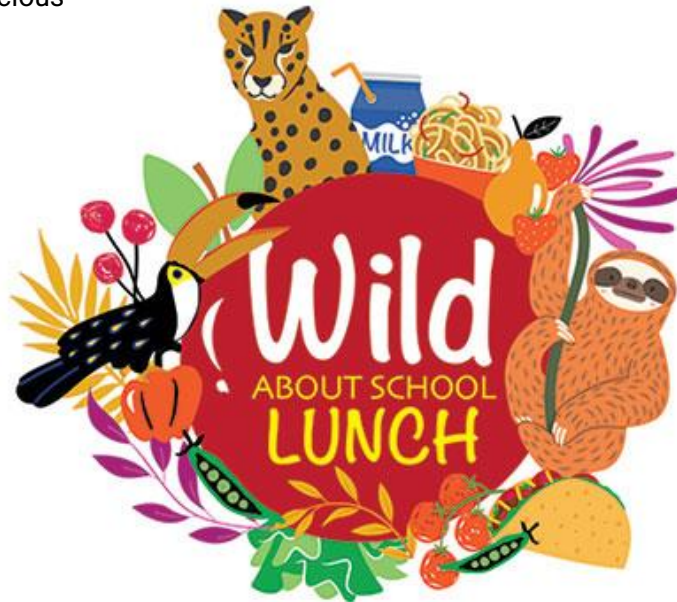
The 2021 NSLW theme ***WILD About School Lunch*** invites creative and fun new menu items while appealing to the universal popularity of animals and nature to appeal to students in all grade levels.

SNA's #NSLW21 campaign offers an Amazonian-sized selection of tools and resources, including downloadable artwork and social media tips, to help you plan a successful celebration and promote your program to students, parents and the local community.

### Why participate in NSLW?

Recognizing NSLW in your school and district helps you:

- Increase student participation
- Spread the message to parents that you're serving healthy, delicious lunch at school
- Earn media coverage from local papers, TV stations and bloggers
- Connect with teachers and administrators at your school or in your district to spread the word that school meals are healthy and delicious



Tag CSNA in your social media posts! We love to see our districts across the state celebrating!

Facebook : @colosna Instagram : coschoolnutrition



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## Celebrations and Congratulations

With all the struggles that 2020 brought to our daily lives CSNA would like to take some time to focus on the positive!

Each newsletter we will have this space dedicated to celebrate our personal and professional accomplishments.

Please send your celebrations to [jodi@colosna.com](mailto:jodi@colosna.com).

We are looking for all types of congratulatory events ...

- Promotions!
- Graduations!
- Weddings, babies, grandbabies!
- US Citizenships!
- Mountains climbed, marathons ran!
- Happy customer compliments!
- Bucket list items!
- Daily Highlights!
- No event is to big or too small ... send it over and we'll add to the list



To get us started, let's celebrate Colorado's very own **BETH WALLACE**, Jeffco Co Schools, Executive Director, becoming SNA's President this year. Please [click here](#) to read her story.



New President  
**Beth Wallace,**  
MBA, SNS, has the  
right background,  
mindset and outlook  
to lead SNA through  
uncertain and unsettled  
times.

*Congratulations!*

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