

This year is quickly flying by and some of us are on the last few days of school and yet others have a ways to go yet. The 2009-2010 school year has been interesting to say the least. We have dealt with food recalls, threat of pandemic outbreaks, rising food costs, and constant issues in managing our food and supplies in order to feed the many students we all come in contact with daily. Then just when we think we are done with school we are already looking ahead to the next school year.

Our National Association is actively seeking more funding for our meals, providing many tools to run our programs better and good varieties of continuing education. We need to be proactive in what we do to constantly better ourselves and the programs we are running. Things don't just fall into our laps all the time and say here it is. We as members should want to embrace the ideas, suggestions or whatever that works for us.

With that said, I want to invite all of you to our SNASD state conference coming up on July 29-31 this year in Huron. The conference planners are working diligently to put together a very informative schedule which we will all be able to benefit from. Along with good quality sessions and speakers I have heard we have a very nice line up for entertainment and relaxation. Mark you calendars and I hope you will be looking forward to this year's conference as much as I am.

Nationally our Association is asking for more funding for all meals whether they are in Free/Reduced or Paid. Additionally they are supporting a National Standards for all food and beverages sold on school grounds. If you have opportunity to voice your opinion with our state representation in Washington D.C. I would like to strongly encourage you do so. They want to hear from us and I believe they will listen too.

Vicky Kirby and I will be attending the Annual National Conference with SNA the last week of June in Las Vegas. We welcome your thoughts and comments on what we as a state could be doing better, or what is being done right etc... Your executive board works for you and we need to know your concerns too.

Hope to see you in July.....Have a great summer!!!!

Sincerely,

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SNASD President