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25 - Hardee County School Board  
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Dear Food Service Director:

While the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is not responsible for conducting food safety inspections of school cafeterias, the health and safety of children who receive meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a top priority. With the assistance of the Florida Department of Health, the department created a state summary and district summaries of school health inspection report findings to share with districts.

Statewide, during the 2018-2019 school year, there were 4,026 schools operating the NSLP. Of those, 343 schools (8.5%) received at least one unsatisfactory health inspection. 80 schools (2%) received two or more unsatisfactory health inspections.

In Hardee County School Board, none of the eight schools operating the NSLP in school year 2018-2019 received unsatisfactory health inspections.

Health inspections check the following:

- Ensuring that food is stored, handled and served in a sanitary manner to prevent cross contamination and the spread of food-borne illness.
- Utensils and serving equipment are properly cleaned and sanitized.
- Work areas and equipment are kept clean, safe and sanitized.
- Sanitary facilities are operational, clean and equipped with hand-washing facilities.
- The school building is clean, sanitary and safe for students, faculty and staff.

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The department provides resources, technical assistance and free ServSafe and SafeStaff training to approved sponsors of the National School Lunch Program. To learn more about these resources or to request a training, contact our office at (800) 504-6609 or via email at [InfoFNW@FDACS.gov](mailto:InfoFNW@FDACS.gov).

Sincerely,



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