

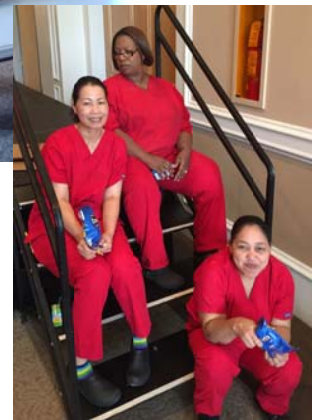
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• What's Going on in School Nutrition •

## School Nutrition Teams Up to Feed GMS



Led by Director, Penny Fowler, School Nutrition rallied together to feed GMS students at First Baptist Church during the bomb threat on Thursday, March 30th. Schools across the district offered their inventory and helping hands to make sure the students were fed. Nearly 1,800 students and staff received food in just over an hour. The teamwork displayed by these school nutrition professionals, teachers, district staff, and community organizations, was unparalleled. Thankfully the building was clear and safe.



### Student Customers Try New Products

Gainesville High School Nutrition will be selling Sparkling Ice flavored water next school year! Students sampled four flavors of the zero calorie beverage and chose their favorites—strawberry kiwi and strawberry watermelon.

*Can you guess the identity of our mystery sampler?  
The first person to email Emily House with the correct answer wins a prize!*



## GSNA State Legislative Update 25 Cent Increase for PSERS Multiplier Added to FY 2018 Budget

The Georgia House and Senate completed worked mid March on the one task that is required by the state constitution - passage of the state budget.

### BUDGET UPDATE

Although funds for an increase to the PSERS multiplier were not included in the original House or Senate version of the FY 2018 budget, the House-Senate budget conferees added \$1,571,000 to the final version of the FY 2018 budget for a 25 cent increase. It is GSNA's understanding that beginning July 1, the multiplier used to calculate retirement benefits for PSERS retirees will increase from \$14.75 to \$15.

Thanks to all of the GSNA members and advocates who contacted key legislators to ask that this funding be added to the FY 2018 budget, proving that when people speak up, great things can happen! Special thanks to Peggy Lawrence, SN Director for Rockdale County and her tireless bakers who delivered cinnamon rolls to the House-Senate budget conferees to make sure that School Nutrition was on their minds as they deliberated.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW

It is important that school nutrition professionals and stakeholders thank legislators who made this possible.



## SNA Federal Legislative Update Legislative Action Conference

Penny Fowler, Director of School Nutrition, will travel to Washington D.C. with the School Nutrition Association for the national **Legislative Action Conference**, April 2-4, 2017. She and many school nutrition leaders from around the country will "storm the hill" to lobby on behalf of school nutrition professionals. The federal issues challenging school nutrition programs include block grants, sodium limits, whole grain requirements, and offer versus serve issues pertaining to fruits and vegetables. Penny will help shed light on the impact such restrictions could have on our program and how it will affect our student customers. We wish her and others the best of luck and look forward to her report when she returns.



### Betty Waller, GEA, wins apron in Strong 4 Life photo contest



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