SAVE the DATE!
Back to School, 2020 has been scheduled.

ND DPI School Nutrition Back to School Workshop, 2019 is in the books. We hope you had time to greet old friends and network with new ones while gaining insight about the job you proudly do. Over five hundred school nutrition professionals came out for the workshops this year.

Every year we are in competition with a number of other events for locations suitable to hold all those wishing to participate in these annual updates. For this reason, the dates and venues for 2020 have been locked in. We will remind you in upcoming newsletters however this is a great time to get it on your calendar.

Dates for the 2020 NDDPI Child Nutrition Back to School Workshops are:
- New Kitchen Manager Training – July 22, 2020, Bismarck State Capitol
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- New Administrator Training – July 22, 2020, Bismarck State Capitol
- 8 Hour Initial Sanitation Training – July 23, 2020, Bismarck State Capitol
- Back to School Workshop updates – July 28, 2020, Fargo
- *Repeated* BTSW updates (same presentations as July 28) – July 29, 2020, Fargo
- Back to School Workshop update – August 4, 2020, Minot
- Back to School Workshop update – August 6, 2020, Bismarck

We have taken all the comments that came in on the workshop evaluations and are working on speakers for many of the idea submissions. Food demos, recipes and interactive ‘what would you do?’ led the suggestions for next year’s sessions. There still is time to submit ideas, however.

As you begin the school year, think about the issues you are facing. Making the determinations for benefits on the flood of lunch applications at this time is very stressful. Receiving and storing the massive, beginning-of-the-school-year order is somewhat daunting in the kitchen. Shepherd ing new kindergarten students through the lunch line the first week can also be frustrating. Have you developed creative solutions to deal with these or other bottlenecks? Hearing what you need to be most productive and follow federal guidelines would be most beneficial to the workshop planning.

Thank you.