



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

## 2024 Legislative Action Conference

Members of the Indiana School Nutrition Association (ISNA) recently made their voices heard on Capitol Hill at the School Nutrition Association's annual Legislative Advocacy Conference (LAC) in Washington, D.C.

Representing Indiana's commitment to providing nutritious meals for students, ISNA delegates joined hundreds of school nutrition professionals from across the nation. The event served as a platform to advocate for policies that support child nutrition programs and ensure access to healthy meals for all students.

During the conference, ISNA members engaged in discussions with legislators and policymakers, sharing insights and experiences from their roles in school nutrition. By highlighting the importance of federal nutrition programs, they emphasized the critical role these programs play in supporting students' academic success and overall well-being.

Attending workshops and networking sessions, ISNA delegates gained valuable knowledge and strategies to strengthen their advocacy efforts at the state and local levels. They returned to Indiana empowered and equipped with new tools to advance the mission of providing nutritious meals to students across the state.

The participation of ISNA members in the LAC underscores their dedication to advocating for the needs of students and the vital role of school nutrition programs in fostering healthier communities. As champions for child nutrition, ISNA continues to make a significant impact in shaping policies that prioritize the well-being of Indiana's youth.





# · I · S · N · A · SCHOOL NUTRITION SUMMIT



April 12th, 2024  
PLAINFIELD, INDIANA

ISNA is excited to be hosting the **2024 ISNA School Nutrition Summit**, April 12, 2024 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Plainfield, Indiana. ISNA has put together a great program for both school nutrition professionals and business and industry partners to network and gain valuable insight through a series of professional development opportunities.



Register and get your hotel room for the 2024 ISNA School Nutrition & Industry Summit before the room block closes on Sunday, March 17th!

**HERE!**



## Keynote Speaker

Stefanie Giannini (MA, SNS) is a school nutrition professional, speaker, and educator with a fierce passion for personal, leadership, and organizational development. She holds a bachelor's in Food & Nutrition Management from Arizona State University and a master's in Organizational Leadership and Learning from George Washington University. She is currently the Director of Food and Nutrition Services for Marquardt School District 15 and is on the Illinois School Nutrition Association's Executive Board. Stefanie is on a mission to inspire and cultivate every individual's identity and development as a leader.

## ISNA 2024 Election Nominees

### VP Candidate:

- Mary Ellen Gilliam

### Region 2 Rep:

- Sue Aikman

### Region 4 Rep:

- Ivan Balicky

### Region 6 Rep:

- Dee Orrick

### Region 8 Rep:

- Aleise Barron



## Registration is out!

The Farm to School and Early Childcare Education (ECE) Symposium registration is now open! Please use the following [form](#) to register. This event will be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 19. Learn about gardening, local procurement, and agriculture education! Have an opportunity to collaborate on your Farm to School projects. If you would like to be a presenter or a panelist, please apply [here!](#) Questions? Please contact [Sophie Lindley](#).



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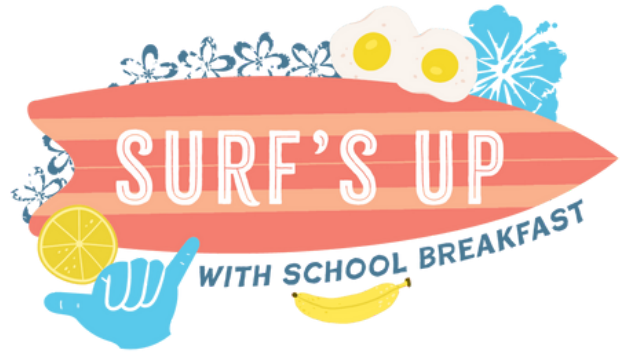
Harvest Hill Beverage  
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High Liner Foods

# Show Us How You Celebrate!

Last week was National School Breakfast Week! National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) celebrates the importance of a nutritious school breakfast in fueling students for success.

Please share any pictures, videos, articles or other information about your district's celebration of National School Breakfast Week. We would love to include these positive images and stories in our next issue of the ISNA Newsletter!

**Submit Your Celebrations Here!**



# New Change with Kellogg and Kellanova!

*Check this out*

Company	<b>Kellanova</b>	<b>WK Kellogg Co</b>
Brands		
Sales Support	<p>Affinity will support Plant Based sales efforts</p>	<p>All other will be DIRECT regional model</p>
Order Contact	Current Kellogg CSR	Current Kellogg CSR



# INDIANA FARM TO SCHOOL & ECE SYMPOSIUM

JUNE 18 & 19, 2024

HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

JOIN US AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT FARM TO SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE), NETWORK WITH OTHERS IN THE STATE, AND BUILD EXCITEMENT AND MOMENTUM AROUND INDIANA FARM TO SCHOOL AND ECE INITIATIVES. ATTENDEE REGISTRATION TO COME!



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