

South Carolina School Nutrition Professionals Lobby Congress in Support of School Meals

During February, sixteen school nutrition professionals from across South Carolina traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in School Nutrition Association's (SNA) 47th annual Legislative Action Conference (LAC). During the conference (February 24-26), they joined 900 of their peers from across the country in urging Congress to minimize regulatory burdens and bolster school meal programs to benefit the nearly 30 million students served each day.

LAC's "Charge to the Hill" allowed sixteen participants to meet with their members of Congress to discuss [SNA's 2019 Position Paper](#) and the importance of school meals to student achievement.

"Every school day, 56% of children across South Carolina depend on school meals to nourish their bodies and minds," said SNA of SC President Sharon Hunt. "We told our local representatives about the healthy changes in South Carolina's cafeterias, and how we need their help to sustain this progress. Congress must support school meal programs and streamline burdensome regulatory requirements, so school nutrition professionals can focus on their mission of serving students."

School Nutrition Association of South Carolina Public Policy and Legislative Chair, Todd A. Bedenbaugh discussed the Child Nutrition issue paper with Congressman Tom Rice from South Carolina's 7th Congressional District. Pictured in the photo below are: Todd, Lexington-Richland 05; Diane Gillie, State Office of Health and Nutrition; Congressman Tom Rice and Gina Dillon, EMS LINQ, Inc.



*Representative Tim Scott's office
Todd Bedenbaugh, Richland Lexington 05; Ethan Strickland; Representative Scott Aide; Diane Gillie, State Office of Health and Nutrition; Becki Rogers, PCS Revenue Control Systems, Inc.*



Representative William Timmons' Office

Representative William Timmons and chief of staff, Moultrely McLarin with Sharon Hunt, Anderson 05



Senator Lindsey Graham's Office

Meghan Dorn, Legislative Aide; Gina Dillon, EMS LINQ, Inc.; Scott Graber, Legislative Assistant/Counsel; Sharon Hunt, Anderson 05; Wanda McDowell, Super Bakery; Kevin Earle, Dorchester 04



Representative Joe Wilson's Office

Joyce Lovett, SNA of SC; Jeff Dodge, Key Impact; Shana Catoe, Chester 01; Emily Saleeby, Representative Aide; Alexis Shook, Sumter



Representative Ralph Norman's Office

Wanda Knight, Laurens District 55, Representative Norman's Aide; Shana Catoe, Chester 01; Wanda McDowell, Super Bakery



Congressman James Clyburn's Office

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Representative Joe Cunningham's Office

Becki Rogers, PCS Revenue Control Systems, Inc.; Cindy Jacobs, Laurens 56; Representative Cunningham Aide; Kevin Earle, Dorchester 04



Representative Jeff Duncan's Office

Melissa Payne, Cohen Food Service Cindy Jacobs, Laurens 56; Representative Duncan; Wanda Knight, Laurens 55; Theresa McKinnell, Kunzler & Co., Inc.



About School Nutrition Association:

The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is a national, non-profit professional organization representing 58,000 school nutrition professionals across the country. Founded in 1946, SNA and its members are dedicated to making healthy school meals and nutrition education available to all students. To find out more about SNA's Legislative Action Conference, visit www.schoolnutrition.org/LAC.