## TOTAL SCHOOL SOLUTIONS

## Director of Student Nutrition Services (DNS) <br> Training Program 2022. Inventory Skills Assessment

Candidate StudentName: $\qquad$ Jim Lewis $\qquad$ Date:

## _ 2/4/2022

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Training Location: $\qquad$

On a scale of 1-5, circle the number that best ranks your current skills and knowledge of the following areas and provide a brief narrative describing your experiences, including an indication of whether your experience is hands-on; managerial; administrative, etc.:

1. Visionary leadership and the DNS's role as leader within a school district:

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_I have a lot of ideas and visions for my operation however it is communicating those ideas to my staff to get them motivated that I find challenging.
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2. Methods for demonstrating vision, positive communication, positioning and empowerment:

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3. Developing a professional support structure with other DNS's:

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| I have a basic knowledge of this after working on a couple of expansion projects within the food department, but I do not feel confident |
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| enough to lead such an |
| effort. |

6. Conflict resolution strategies; and collaboration skills and techniques:

7. The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control Area Plan (LCAP) and how these apply to school district decision making:


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8. School district and nutrition services financial and managerial accounting:


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This is completed by our Fiscal Services department so I have very little hands on with this subject so I warmly welcome learning anything about
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9. State and Federal Nutrition Services funding: $\qquad$

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10. History, concepts, and legal aspects of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010:

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11. Fundamentals of the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program:

12. Standards for competitive foods sold in schools, tools to increase participation in school nutrition programs, and streamlining student meal applications:


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13. School Food Authorities (SFAs) ability to participate in Special Provision Options including Provision 1, 2, 3 and Community Eligibility Provision:

14. Preparing for a successful Administrative Review (A/R) including Meal Access and Reimbursement, Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality, Resource Management, General Program Compliance, and other Federal Program Reviews:
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## _I have gone through two reviews and felt there were items where things could have been improved. I will be getting another review soon and so I look forward to diving into this

## topic.

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15. Meal Access and Reimbursement including the SFA's certification of a student's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals:

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My knowledge of this is again basic. I know enough to get by, but not enough to say that I am well versed in this
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16. Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality, Offer versus Serve (OvS) and dietary specifications and nutrient analysis:
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I know the fundamentals but could be more confident in my feeling of security regarding this
subject.
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17. Resource Management: Maintenance of the Nonprofit School Food Service Account, Paid Lunch Equity, Revenue from Nonprogram Foods, Indirect Costs, and USDA Foods:

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I know little about this subject as again this is handled by our Fiscal Services
department.
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18. School nutrition general program areas including Civil Rights, SFA On-Site Monitoring, Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP), and Smart Snacks in schools:
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19. School nutrition general program areas including Professional Standards, Senate Bill 1413 - Water Access during Meal Service, Reporting and Record Keeping, and School Breakfast and Summer Food Service Program Outreach:

20. State and federal safety requirements and laws of the SFA's safe handling, storage, preparation, and service of food:

21. Participation in other federal programs including: o Afterschool Snacks

## o Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant

o Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
o Special Milk Program
o Child and Adult Care Program - Supper

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$\qquad$ We offer a Supper Program here at the high school. I feel I have a basic knowledge in this
subject. $\qquad$
22. Food Services, procurement and ethics including principles of good procurement, laws and regulations, procurement process, procurement options, procurement standards, solicitations for goods and services, and stakeholder responsibilities:

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| I participate in a COOP. I am unfamiliar with the bid |  |  |
| process. |  |  |

23. Accommodating children with special dietary needs and food allergies in a school nutrition programs:

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24. Increasing Participation by marketing the nutrition programs to important

25. Human Resources personnel regulations, laws, and personnel administration in school districts:


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26. Effective supervision practices and techniques; evaluation of subordinates; staff development; and progressive discipline:


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27. California's public school collective bargaining and contract administration principles and processes:

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28. Effective public speaking and developing successful presentations. Ability to defuse hostile questions from your audience and staying on message:
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__I have given several board presentations during my time here however, I can still get nervous when having to present a topic.
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29. Develop a focused and clear statement, which details your career goals and is directed at the specific National School Lunch and Breakfast program area you are in interested in.


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2. Complete the following skills inventory assessment to assist in pinpointing the specific skill sets and practices each Director of Student Nutrition Services course participant desires to develop to become more successful school nutrition leaders.

Mark each column as described. You can have the same skill marked more than once in each columm. 1. In the first column, mark each skill in which you feel competent.
2. In the second column, mark those skills that you really enjoy.
3. In the third column, mark those skills you would like to learn, or develop further?

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| 2. Methods for demonstrating vision, positive communication, positioning and empowerment. |  |  |  |
| 3. Developing a professional support structure with other DNS's. |  |  |  |
| 4. Meeting facilitation and leading of groups. |  |  |  |
| 5. Identification and engagement of stakeholders in keydecisions. |  |  |  |
| 6. Conflict resolution strategies; and collaboration skills and techniques. |  |  |  |
| 7. The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and tocal Control Area Plan (LCAP) and how these apply to school district decision making. |  |  |  |
| 8. School district and nutrition services financial and managerialaccounting. |  |  |  |
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29. Please list any other information not covered above you feel would be important to cover as part a of the class.

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30. Please list anything you would like to share that will make this course a total success in meeting your educational goals.

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