Winston Foodservice to Attend Legislative Action Conference

Winston Foodservice will participate in the Legislative Action Conference in Washington, D.C.

LOUISVILLE, KY, UNITED STATES, March 1, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Next week, representatives of Winston Foodservice will participate in School Nutrition Association's (SNA) 51st annual Legislative Action Conference (LAC) in Washington, D.C. During the conference (March 5-7), Winston's Corey Ainsworth and Suzannah Stephens will join 800 school nutrition professionals from across the country in urging Congress to permanently increase federal funds for school meals, allow all schools to offer free school meals to all students as they did during the pandemic, and maintain current school nutrition standards.

"Research shows students eat their healthiest meals at school," said Ainsworth. "We need Congress' full support as school meal programs across the country struggle with rising costs, persistent supply chain challenges, and unpaid student meal debt. We're looking forward to telling our local representatives about the nutritious meals we help serve, and how Congress can help to sustain this progress and ensure all of America's students are nourished and ready to learn."

SNA's 2023 School Nutrition Trends Survey found that virtually all (99.8%) responding school meal program directors are challenged by increasing costs and supply chain issues, including menu item and staff shortages, which impact more than 90% of programs. Respondents also reported numerous negative impacts from the loss of free school meals. Among programs that must now charge for meals, 96.3% report unpaid meal debt is a challenge.

LAC will allow attendees to meet with their Members of Congress to discuss the importance of school meal programs and share SNA's 2023 Position Paper.

"School meal programs are at a tipping point as rising costs, persistent supply chain issues and labor shortages jeopardize their long-term sustainability," said SNA President Lori Adkins, MS, SNS, CHE. "Congress has an opportunity to protect this critical lifeline by making reimbursement increases permanent and allowing us to offer free meals to ensure all students are nourished during the school day."

About School Nutrition Association:
The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is a national, non-profit professional organization

representing 50,000 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.

About Winston Foodservice:
With over five decades of experience, Winston Foodservice is an expert in the commercial kitchen equipment industry. The company produces a wide variety of products, including cook and hold ovens, retherm ovens, holding cabinets, warming drawers, fryers, and shortening filters. Winston believes in developing meaningful customer partnerships and strives to provide its customers with the best equipment and service.

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