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## Shared Goals for 2019-2020 Legislative Session

- Secure full funding for the School Breakfast Program
- Protect and maintain the Dietitians Affiliated Credentialing Board at the Department of Safety and Professional Services
- Promote the installation of water bottle refilling stations in Wisconsin schools

## 2017-2018 Legislative Session Highlights

The School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin (SNA-WI) and the Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (WAND) are pleased with our 2017-2018 legislative successes. However, there is still much more to be done!

### SNA-WI:

- Successfully collaborated with other interested stakeholders to restore funding for the Farm-to-School Program in the 2017-2019 biennial budget.
- Successfully collaborated with other interested organizations to pass Assembly Bill 501 with strong bipartisan support in the State Assembly. AB 501 created a healthy eating incentive program for FoodShare recipients through DHS to provide discounts on fresh produce and other healthy foods.
- Earned support in the State Assembly to increase funding for the School Breakfast Program by \$880,000 in the 2017-2019 state budget. Additional funding would have increased reimbursement for schools from \$0.08 to \$0.10 per meal. Unfortunately, this increase was not included in the final budget.

### SNA-WI & WAND:

- Successfully passed Senate Bill 159, the Nutrition Education Act. This legislation requires schools to use the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, a federal publication that is updated every five years, as the standard source for nutrition education.

### WAND:

- Successfully lobbied lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 385 with strong bipartisan support. This bill allows doctors to delegate order-writing privileges to licensed or certified dietitians in long-term care facilities. It became Wisconsin Act 101 when it was signed into law by Governor Walker on November 30, 2017.
- Successfully collaborated with other groups to pass Senate Bill 48 with strong bipartisan support. This bill allows public utilities to provide financial assistance to customers to replace lead water service lines. Clean water is a vital part of a healthy diet.
- Successfully advocated with other organizations to support Assembly Bill 224. This bill requires DHS to distribute grants to hospitals, health systems, and educational entities that form health care education and training consortia for allied health professionals. The bill was included in the 2017-2019 budget.
- Joined a coalition of more than 40 groups to oppose Senate Bill 288 and Senate Bill 296. These bills create an Occupational License Review Council and a "self-certification registry" that allows individuals certified by state-approved organizations to apply for use of the title "state certified." Both bills would negatively impact consumer protection and the integrity of the dietetics profession.

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