

## Attachment A6. Public Comment #4



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Ms. Tina Namian  
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Food and Nutrition Service  
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Dear Ms. Namian:

On behalf of the 57,000 members of the School Nutrition Association (SNA) we appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on the Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) notice, *Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request-Special Milk Program for Children* published in the *Federal Register* on August 20, 2018.

The Special Milk Program provides nutritional support to children in schools and child care settings. In many schools and child care settings, where a full-service school meal program is not available, the Special Milk Program is relied upon to provide basic nutrition through the service of fluid milk. This notice is associated with a revision in information collection due to a decrease in the number of participating institutions in this important program. If these decreases are attributable to the Special Milk Program's converting to full-service school meal programs, it is noteworthy. If the decrease is due to participating institutions dropping sponsorship because of the complexities in reporting or other burden, this is unfortunate. While your comment request seeks to discern the need of the information collection, SNA recommends that you investigate the reasons as to why schools are no longer participating.

Thanks again for the opportunity to respond. SNA stands ready to assist FNS/USDA in your efforts to improve access and enhance outreach initiatives.

Sincerely,

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President

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Chief Executive Officer