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Dear SNACT Members, Friends, and Colleagues: First, a heartfelt thank you to our Executive Director, Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members. Your dedication, energy, and commitment to our mission have been nothing short of extraordinary. Through your teamwork, creativity, and unwavering support, we've built a strong and vibrant community – one that continues to be a vital force in supporting student nutrition across Connecticut.



This was a milestone year for SNACT, beginning with the kickoff of our 75th Anniversary Celebration Gala at our well-received Fall Conference. Our theme, "Picture the Possibilities," truly came to life in every initiative, conversation, and event. We advocated tirelessly for Free Meals for All – and while we still envision the day it becomes a reality, our collective efforts are moving us ever closer to that goal. Feeding our children truly feeds the future, and I have no doubt that together, we will get there.

We also celebrated many other accomplishments:

- Professional development opportunities that empowered our members to grow.
- Engaging Friday Focus Conversations that sparked new ideas and strengthened our network.
- A record-breaking turnout for our Hot Topics series – your enthusiasm and participation were inspiring!
- A memorable experience at ANC in Boston – I encourage every SNACT member to attend an ANC conference at least once; the inspiration and energy are simply unmatched.
- Our January Jamboree Winter Conference and Food Show was another standout event, highlighted by the incredible keynote from Dr. Miguel Cardona, whose message – "You are the experts" – was a powerful reminder of the value each of you brings to this work.

To our industry partners: Thank you for your collaboration, innovation, and support. You help us dream bigger and deliver better for the students we serve.

It has been a true honor and privilege to lead this association. While stepping into this role often meant stepping outside of my comfort zone, your encouragement and commitment gave me the strength to grow and lead with purpose. This experience has been one of personal and professional growth, and I am so grateful to have shared it with all of you.

To anyone considering leadership within SNACT: Don't hesitate. If I can do this, so can you. SNA and SNACT will provide you with the tools, guidance, and community you need to thrive. Join a committee you have a lot to offer.

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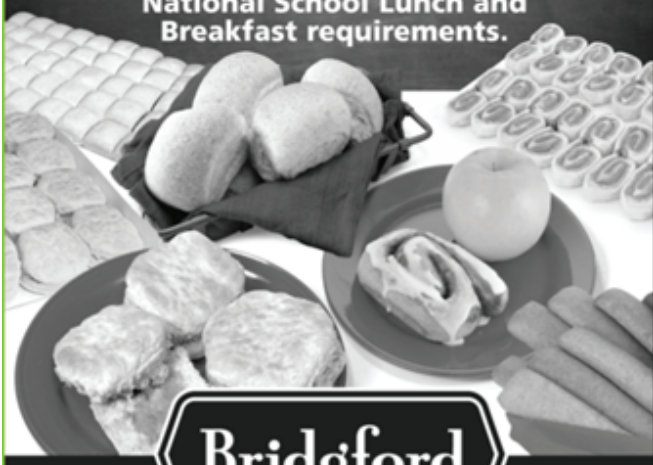
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