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### **School Nutrition Professionals and Registered Dietitians Applaud Signing of Senate Bill 159**

*Bipartisan Bill Updates Wisconsin's Nutrition Education Statutes*

The School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin (SNA-WI) and the Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (WAND) applaud Governor Walker for signing Senate Bill 159 into law. "The Nutrition Education Act," requires schools to include instruction on the nutritive value of foods and use the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, a federal publication, as the standard source for nutrition education.

"Too many Wisconsin children and students are overweight or obese, and that oftentimes carries into adulthood," said SNA-WI President, Diane Agrell. "We can help address this serious and costly issue by making sure students have access to the most up-to-date evidence-based nutrition information"

"Written expressly with the goal of promoting the nation's health through improved nutrition and chronic disease prevention, the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* are an ideal resource for teachers as they update nutrition education curricula," said WAND President, Christina Lemon.

Rigorously researched, updated, and published jointly every five years by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* are free and accessible online via: <https://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/guidelines/>.

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