Greetings MSNA Members

The MSNA Board and our Annual Conference Committees are working hard to make the 67th MSNA Annual Conference the best one yet! This year's theme is **"MSNA for All"** and captures what it takes for all of us to come together in the heart of every school to feed Minnesota students nutritious meals every day. None of us could do this alone, which is why we want to highlight what MSNA can do for everyone, from the directors to the dishwashers, farmers to the food and equipment manufacturers, brokers to distributors, and everyone in between no matter their gender, race or creed.

We will be kicking off the conference on Sunday, August 4th by featuring ServSafe courses, including the full 8-hour course and exam, as well as the 4-hour refresher course.



The overwhelming amount of amazing proposals means that we are offering even more workshops compared to last year's conference, and we know there will be something for everyone.



On Monday, August 5th, we'll dive into our opening session with our keynote speaker, Jon Colby. Jon has been empowering people through improvisation using Harvard-based research for over 24 years. He combines his Master's in Education and his background in theater to craft a meaningful and interactive experience where audiences have the opportunity to apply what they learn. Following Jon Colby, the day will then proceed to a variety of workshops where you're guaranteed to find something of interest no matter where you are in your career path in school nutrition.

Our ever-so popular Exhibit Show will be hosted on Tuesday, August 6th, where members of all industries can make meaningful connections. Concurrent with the exhibit hall are exciting workshops for members to attend.

On Wednesday, August 7th, choose two final breakout sessions for your agenda. Our closing keynote, April Lewis, will be sharing her *WORKWELL* program with us. April believes that when you invest in the wellbeing and development of your employees, your return is higher productivity and satisfaction in the workplace.

We hope all ALL MSNA members will join us for the fun and enrichment!

Our hard working MSNA board members have been working diligently to advance our strategic initiatives. In April, we launched our new MSNA Webinar Series, hosting two webinars that were free to all members. Between now and when we gather in August, we hope that everyone will join us for our second annual Saints Game Networking Event on Tuesday, June 18th at CHS Field in St. Paul. The Saints will take on the Toledo Mud Hens. <u>Registration</u> is open and tickets are limited, so save your spot now for just \$25.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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