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ELLNOR NAMED SILVER SPIRIT WINNER AT NATIONAL FAME CEREMONY

ORLANDO, Fla. – Jan. 23, 2017 – Manager, Nutrition Services Center Daniel Ellnor, BA, C.P. – F.S., Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville, Ky. received the Silver Spirit Award at the National Foodservice Achievement Management Excellence (FAME) award ceremony on Jan. 22, 2017. This year's ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Orlando, Fla., during the School Nutrition Association's (SNA) 2017 School Nutrition Industry Conference (SNIC).

Ellnor has spent 17 years in the foodservice industry. He brings expertise in HACCP and food safety to Jefferson County schools where he has spent the last nine years of his career. He has channeled his expertise into the design of two mobile feeding buses to serve the summer food service program for his district. The buses include cold storage to keep food safe during transport. Countertops and seating were implemented to allow students the option to dine-in or carry out food during the summer. The engineering and logistics of these vehicles have allowed the mobile program to expand to 19 sites in 2016.

Ellnor implemented a district-wide wireless temperature control system. This revolutionized food safety and quality controls in response to USDA and HACCP requirements. The new SmartSystem piloted a program in his district to monitor temperatures for Listeria control at central production in work areas to cold storage, delivery trucks and cooking/serving sites in schools.

Ellnor is committed to providing nutrition to local schools through a partnership with the local agricultural community. The Farm to School program insures that all schools receive some locally produce and is supplemented by the produce procured through foodservice distribution. Ellnor is always looking for ways to recruit new farmers to the program to expand it further.

Communication to parents and the community is key to the success of Ellnor's ongoing effort to improve school nutrition. He uses social media to share photographs of improved foodservice and healthy meals. During Farm to School week, Ellnor procures 20,000 pounds of local chicken.

He is an active member of the Kentucky School Nutrition Association and was recently appointed President-elect for the 2016-17 school year. He has also serviced on the executive board as director, administrative chair and vice president.

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