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To: Wisconsin School Educators and Professionals

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Subject: Announcing: Wisconsin Student Chef Competition for the 2021-22 School Year

Wisconsin Team Nutrition is pleased to announce the tenth annual Whipping Up Wellness, Wisconsin Student Chef Competition. The goal of the competition is to provide middle and high school students with hands-on cooking experience that will give them knowledge and skills necessary to prepare healthy meals. Students will compete to develop a nutritious, student-friendly recipe featuring local foods that can be incorporated easily into the school food service program. The competition consists of a Recipe Contest. If public health and safety guidelines allow, the cook-off competition will be held for the top five teams in May 2022.

Recipe Contest

- Schools must participate in the National School Lunch Program or Seamless Summer Option to be eligible for the competition.
- Teams must develop an **original**, nutritious recipe that includes one of the following Wisconsin agricultural products: broccoli, carrots, potatoes (all varieties except sweet), or winter squash. For competition rules and requirements, review the Competition Overview found on the Wisconsin Team Nutrition webpage dpi.wi.gov/team-nutrition/whipping-up-wellness.
- Teams must submit a team application, nutritional analysis, and electronic photograph of their dish to Wisconsin Team Nutrition.
- Qualifying recipes may be included in the tenth annual Wisconsin Student Chef Competition Cookbook and submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for inclusion in the national recipe database.

Application materials are available on the Wisconsin Team Nutrition webpage at dpi.wi.gov/team-nutrition/whipping-up-wellness. Application packets (team application, nutritional analysis, and photo of the dish) must be submitted electronically by **March 17, 2022**. Application packets submitted after that date WILL NOT be considered for the competition. Submit applications to DPIFNSTeamNutrition@dpi.wi.gov.

Questions regarding this opportunity can be directed to Wisconsin Team Nutrition at DPIFNSTeamNutrition@dpi.wi.gov.