

## **FRAC WEEKLY NEWS DIGEST**

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### **10 Days Left for Early Bird Registration - Register Today for the 2017 National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference**

The conference, March 5-7, 2017 in Washington, DC, will be a great chance to meet with your new, and returning, Members of Congress and hear from Administration officials. Find out more at [www.antihungerpolicyconference.org](http://www.antihungerpolicyconference.org).

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### **Anti-Hunger Advocacy Leadership**

[Jan Pruitt, longtime North Texas Food Bank CEO, dies](#) - Fort Worth Star-Telegram, January 3, 2017

"Jan was a one-of-a-kind leader whose spirit and passion for feeding our hungry neighbors will continue to live in each of us as we fulfill her extraordinary legacy through the mission of the Food Bank," said Tom Black, board chair of the North Texas Food Bank, in a statement. In lieu of flowers, the Pruitt family requested that donations be made to the Food Bank in Pruitt's honor.



[Perdue Is Trump's Lead Pick for Agriculture Secretary](#) - Bloomberg, January 2, 2017  
Sonny Perdue III, former governor of Georgia, is a leading candidate for Agriculture Secretary in the new administration, although several other candidates have been interviewed. Perdue served as a state senator and in 2003 became the first Republican governor of the state in 130 years.



### **School Meals**

[Better nutrition for students can help narrow learning gaps](#) — Minneapolis Star Tribune, December 29, 2016

For some children, the holiday break means missing one or two daily school meals, and this can negatively affect their brains and behavior. That's why expanding efforts to feed children through school-based and other nutrition programs is so important. In Minneapolis Public Schools, meals are available at Winter Break Academy, an academic

recovery program the district offers. High school students are given breakfast, and all K-8 students can eat breakfast and lunch at school.



## Future of the U.S. Safety Net

[America's concern for the poor is about to be tested](#) — Washington Post, December 26, 2016

Poor Americans are facing the gravest threat to the federal safety net in decades. The risks to essential benefits for tens of millions of low- and moderate-income Americans include losing health coverage currently provided under the Affordable Care Act. A radical overhaul of Medicaid and possibly SNAP could also come to pass. This opinion piece asks if we really want to increase hardship for tens of millions of low-income people, even as we shower tax cuts on people at the top.



## Food Policy

[Big Battles Over Farm And Food Policies May Be Brewing As Trump Era Begins](#) — NPR, The Salt, December 28, 2016

The president-elect hasn't yet nominated someone to head the Department of Agriculture or the Food and Drug Administration. The Farm Bill, which funds both SNAP and farm subsidies, is due to be renegotiated by the end of 2018. Some lawmakers may renew their previously unsuccessful efforts to separate the farm-related provisions and the nutrition programs into separate bills. There could also be attempts to roll back parts of the school meal reforms made during the Obama administration.



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