

Dear Authorized Representative and Food Service Director:

Please forward this email to the appropriate staff responsible for content area covered in this notice.

Please review the information listed below and the attachment and take the necessary action. The attached document that is identified as SP XX-2013 is a USDA memo that provides an update on regulations and must be reviewed to ensure you are operating according to regulations. This information is also emailed to the Authorized Representative for your School Food Authority (SFA).

NEW: SP25-2013 Paid Lunch Equity: School Year This memorandum provides guidance on the calculations SFAs must make in order to ensure they are in compliance with these requirements for School Year (SY) 2013-14. The PLE FY14 Tool is attached. The PLE FY14 Tool will be attached to the FY14 SFA Application on the CNP 2000 system during the annual application process in June.

New: Proposed USDA Nutrition Standards-Competitive Foods Proposed Rule

As part of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 it is required that nutrition standards be set for all foods and beverages sold to students on campus during the school day outside of the meals served as a part of the School Breakfast program and National School Lunch Program. Please note that the National Standards are proposed and open for comment until April 9. See the Bureau's web site (<http://tinyurl.com/lowaHKA2008>) for a comparison chart on the proposed regulation and Iowa's Healthy Kids Act. Attached is more information on the proposed regulation.

NEW: Spring District Workshops The Bureau is partnering with SNAI to bring educational opportunities to six locations. Please see the attached registration form.

NEW: Farm to School Grant Request for Application See attached announcement for information on the FY 2014 Farm to School Grants. This year, three different kinds of grants will be available. Planning grants are intended for schools just getting started on farm to school activities, while implementation grants are available for schools seeking to augment or expand existing efforts. Additionally, eligible non-profit entities, Indian tribal organizations, state and local agencies, and agriculture producers or groups of producers may apply for support service grants in order to conduct trainings, create complementary curriculum, or further develop supply chains, among other activities. Webinars are scheduled early in March and a link for registration is provided in the attachment.

REVISED: Adult Meal Price for FY14 - \$3.16 and not \$3.10

The January 24 email notice stated \$3.10 which **did not** included the .06 Certification reimbursement.

For FY14, the adult meal price must be at least **\$3.16** (\$2.86 free reimbursement rate plus .06 Certification reimbursement plus .24 USDA Food per-meal rate). **FY14 SFA applications will not be approved until the adult meal price is at least \$3.16.** Please take the necessary action now to ensure compliance.

The expressed purpose of the USDA Child Nutrition Programs is to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children, meals served to adults are neither eligible under legislation and regulations for Federal cash reimbursement, nor do they earn donated food assistance for the School Food Authority(SFA). For program year 2013-2014, the adult charge should be at least the amount of reimbursement received for a "free" lunch and the per-meal rate of USDA Foods. Since FY14 free meal reimbursement rate and USDA Food per-meal rate are not released until July, SFAs will base FY14 adult meal price on FY13 rates.

Sincerely,
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