

Dear Authorized Representative/Food Service Director:

Please review the attachments and the information below and take the necessary action. The attached documents that are identified as SP XX-2012 are USDA memos that provide an update on regulations and must be reviewed to ensure you are operating according to regulations. This information is emailed to the Authorized Representative and Food Service Director for your School Food Authority (SFA). The Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services new facsimile number is 515-242-5988.

**REMINDERS:**

**Walking Works for Schools Webinar - September 11, 2012**

This webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Learn how to implement a walking program for your school that will energize the entire school community.

To register, go to

[http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com\\_eventbooking&task=view\\_event&event\\_id=1307&Itemid=2706](http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_eventbooking&task=view_event&event_id=1307&Itemid=2706).

**SUPER POWER SUMMIT – October 3, 2012** -Iowa Partners: Action for Healthy Kids announces details about their 5<sup>th</sup> annual!!!

The Super Power Summit is a youth wellness initiative that empowers teams of middle school students to live an active lifestyle and to choose healthy food options, all while being advocates for school wellness. This fall, the Super Power Summit goes to the Capitol! We encourage middle schools to bring a team of students for an interactive day full of fun activities, empowering presentations, networking, and the opportunity to walk with the Lt. Governor around the Capitol as part of the Healthiest State Walk!

<http://www.iowahealthieststate.com/healthiest-state-walk>. **Please see the attached flyer.**

This year the summit will be limited to 50 teams (one adult advisor and 3 middle school students per team). Middle schools students that are chosen to attend should have an interest in health and wellness and demonstrate leadership skills. Students will be charged with leading wellness efforts with their peers when they return to their schools. One only team will be allowed to attend per school building. School teams are expected to stay the entire day at the summit. **REGISTRATION will open on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm and will close on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** or when the capacity of 50 teams is reached. Direct question to Carrie Scheidel at

[Carrie.Scheidel@iowa.gov](mailto:Carrie.Scheidel@iowa.gov). **Register at**

[http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com\\_eventbooking&task=view\\_event&event\\_id=1308&Itemid=2706](http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_eventbooking&task=view_event&event_id=1308&Itemid=2706).

Please have the following REQUIRED information (Adult Name, Adult Contact Information, Adult T-shirt size, Name of 3 students and their T-shirt sizes) ready before registering.

**School Nutrition Association Iowa Fall Workshop – October 6, 2012**

Bureau consultants will be a part of the SNAI Fall Nutrition Workshop on October 6<sup>th</sup> in Osceola. The title is "Help-My Plate is Full".

## **USDA Memos-Regulation Reminder**

### **SP 43-2012 CACFP 22-2012, SFSP 16-2012 - Information on Central Valley Meat Investigation**

Based on the recent USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) findings of humane treatment violations at a slaughter facility, on August 19, 2012, USDA suspended inspections at the plant. Central Valley Meat (CVM) has been a supplier to the USDA's National School Lunch Program as well as to other commercial food processors. Currently, **there is no recall of CVM products at this time**. A thorough investigation is underway, and additional information will be provided as it becomes available. USDA has purchased beef from the company, but no purchases are being made during the investigation. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and FSIS work as a team to ensure that products produced for the Federal nutrition assistance programs meet stringent food safety standards and that producers comply with humane handling regulations. USDA continues to conduct the investigation.

### **SP 44-2012 Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Questions and Answers Related to the 6 Cents Certification Tool**

Attached are Questions and Answers related to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) prototype 6 Cents Certification Tool. Under section 201 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, an additional reimbursement of 6 cents per lunch is available for school food authorities (SFAs) certified to be in compliance with the new school meal patterns. The 6 cents certification tool will be used to certify SFAs to receive the 6 cents performance-based reimbursement. The attached Questions and Answers reflect questions we have received and provide additional information on using the tool.

### **SP 45-2012 Preventing Overt Identification of Children Certified for Free or Reduced Price School Meals**

This memorandum serves as guidance on the requirements for preventing overt identification of children certified for free or reduced price school meals. In addition, we are providing suggestions about methods school food authorities (SFAs) could use to avoid overt identification as much as possible.

### **SP 46-2012 Revised USDA Eligibility Manual for School Meals – IMPORTANT**

The REVISED August 2012 version of the *Eligibility Manual for School Meals* is posted at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/guidance/default.htm> . This version replaces the October 2011 version and incorporates clarifications requested by State agencies and FNS regional offices as well as applicable guidance issued since the last revision. In addition, USDA re-arranged a few areas in several sections and reformatted some areas. Major changes are highlighted throughout the manual. Any additions added for clarification or areas where there have been any adjustments have been highlighted. The highlighted version will remain available online for three months on our website. After that,

only an un-highlighted version will be available. **This guidance is an excellent resource and should be utilized fully when processing the Iowa Eligibility Applications throughout the year.**

### **Local School Wellness Policy - Now is the time to review the Local Wellness Policy**

Section 204 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296) added Section 9A to the Richard B. Russell national School Lunch Act (42 USC 1758b), *Local School Wellness Policy Implementation*. The provision set forth in Section 204 expand upon the previous local wellness policy requirement from the Child Nutrition and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265). Contact your area consultant for assistance. [The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010](#) expands the scope of wellness policies; brings in additional stakeholders in its development, implementation and review; and requires public updates on the content and implementation of the wellness policies. The intent is to strengthen local school wellness policies so they become useful tools in evaluating, establishing and maintaining healthy school environments, and to make clear to the public (including parents, students and others in the community) about the content and implementation of local wellness policies.

Please find the following resource links on the Iowa Department of Education's School Wellness webpage - [http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2467](http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2467) to assist schools with updating their Local Wellness Policies (LWP):

- Sample Wellness Policy (Revised) – includes new IASB Policy Primer outlining the new HHFKA 2010 LWP requirements
- New Local Wellness Policy Requirements – includes comparison chart of 2004 and 2010 policy requirements
- Local School Wellness Assessment – online assessment tool developed by ISU to help schools assess and monitor their school health environments

Sincerely,  
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