

Dear Authorized Representative and Food Service Director:

NEW: Verification Summary Report – Open December 1

The Verification Summary Report on the CNP2000 system will be available on December 1 for SFAs to report the results of the verification process. Attached are directions (**revised 11-20-12**) for completing the Verification Summary Report. **The report must be submitted by January 11, 2013. Reimbursement for December and all future months will be held until the Verification Summary Report is submitted. Submission of the report prior to break in December will facilitate the State agency's review process and is greatly appreciated.** Please direct questions to your area consultant, Diana Weber at diana.weber@iowa.gov or Patti Harding at patti.harding@iowa.gov

NEW: School Breakfast Challenge Results!

During the 2011-12 School Year the Iowa Department of Education partnered with the Midwest Dairy Council to hold an Iowa School Breakfast Challenge. The challenge encouraged schools to increase their breakfast participation by at least 20%. The schools with the highest increase, were awarded cash prizes, provided by the Midwest Dairy Council. Here are the results:

Gold (\$4,000): United CSD, Assumption High School, Dowling Catholic, and Cedar Falls CSD

Silver (\$2,500): St. Thomas Aquinas, Preston CSD, Waverly-Shellrock, and Bettendorf CSD

To help more students fuel up for school, the challenge will be held for a 2nd year! All districts are automatically a part of the challenge. The number of district breakfasts served per child enrolled during October 2012 – April 2013, will be compared with 2011-2012 data. For more information about the challenge and success stories of the 2011-12 winning schools visit: <http://tinyurl.com/IAbreakfastchallenge>. Questions can be directed to Carrie Scheidel at carrie.scheidel@iowa.gov or 515-281-4758.

Hostess Brands Inc.

Hostess Brands Inc., the company that produces Wonder Bread may be closing. Several School Food Authorities (SFAs) have contacted us concerning the process the SFA must follow. The SFA must review their bid threshold to determine if a formal or informal bid process is required. If doing an informal bid procedure, the process may begin now and for the formal bid procedure the process must take place by January 1, 2013. All bid related activities must be recorded and maintained on file with current program records. Full compliance with all procurement requirements is required for any and all products to be purchased using the non-profit school nutrition program fund. All procurement transaction must be conducted in a manner to provide full and open competition consistent with the standards of Section. 3016.36. In the meantime, document it as an emergency beyond the district control.

REMINDERS:

6-Cent Attestation Statement

The Authorized Representative for the SFA must sign the Attestation Statement. The Authorized Representative for the SFA is reported in the SFA Application under the “Contacts” section.

6-Cent Reminder: Certification for October – Submit by November 30

Please remember if you are planning to submit an OCTOBER menu for 6-cent reimbursable meal certification, all of the documents need to be submitted via the CNP2000 by November 30, 2012. Plan ahead and allow enough time to get all the documents submitted, and allow for possible computer issues. Do not wait until the last minute. **October menus submitted in December cannot be accepted.** Please call with any questions: Amanda Miller, 515-725-2627 or Angela Mitchell, 515-725-2626.

Submitting 6-Cent Documents Webinar to be posted by Nov. 30

The webinar “Submitting 6-cent Documents” which took place on November 19, 2012, 1:30pm to 2:30pm will be posted on the Bureau’s Certification \$.06 for Meal Program web page late next week. Contact Angie Mitchell at Angela.Mitchell@iowa.gov or Amanda Miller at Amanda.Miller@iowa.gov for assistance.

Sincerely,
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