Dear Authorized Representative and Food Service Director:

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: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Guidance to School Food Authorities: Flexibility in the Meat/Meat Alternate and Grain Maximums for School Year 2012-2013

Please carefully review the attached notice from FNS USDA. This guidance applies to the program year covering the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. The minimum and maximum calorie ranges have not changed or gone away. Calories must still fall within the weekly ranges identified by USDA.

Questions may be directed to your area consultant or Amanda Miller at Amanda.Miller@iowa.gov or Angie Mitchell at Angela.Mitchell@iowa.gov.

Sincerely,
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