

Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services – Monthly Updates and Reminders

Dear Authorized Representative/Food Service Director:

This information was emailed to the Authorized Representative and the Food Service Director. The Memos and Update for Schools are posted on our web page at Schools - Monthly Memos and Updates.

Sincerely, Patti Harding, Administrative Consultant

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FY16 School Meal Program

Attached is the FY16 School Meal Programs informational letter. The FY16 Iowa Eligibility Application, Instructions and Parent Letter are being translated into Spanish and will be posted on the Bureau web site and on IowaCNP Download Forms section in the next 2-3 weeks. Please contact your area consultant or Patti Harding at patti.harding@iowa.gov if you desire assistance.

State Funds - Final Payment

Information on the final payment of remaining state funds is located on the message board in IowaCNP. The final payment was processed on 5/27/15. The balance of \$124,566.62 was divided by the number of lunches claimed from July 2014 through February 2015, resulting in a rate of \$0.002884726940 per lunch. The amount paid to your district/school/RCCI can be found under CLAIMS in SNP module on IowaCNP, click on Payment Summary and the processing date of 5/27/15. It will show a State Lunch payment for March 2015. Please contact Patti Harding at patti.harding@iowa.gov if you need desire assistance.

FY15 Equipment Grant due June 30, 2015

New FY 15 Equipment grant – Applications due June 30th, 2015.

Iowa received \$205,543 to be awarded to School Food Authorities (SFAs) via a competitive grant process, giving priority to high need schools (i.e., schools in underserved areas, schools with limited access to other resources, and age of food service equipment) where 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced price meals as reported on the Site Enrollment section on IowaCNP for October, 2014. Please see attachments for more details and the application forms.

Professional Standards

The Professional Standards for School Nutrition Professionals Training Tracker tool is now available at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/professional-standards>. This downloadable tool can be used to record trainings for school nutrition staff. A user guide, instructional webinar, and technical assistance via telephone and email are also available. In addition, the link above provides an updated two-page flyer that summarizes key points from the Professional Standards Final Rule, as well as many other materials related to Professional Standards. Additional tool options for tracking a department or for individual tracking are available on the Iowa web page at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/professional-standards-school-nutrition>. Check it out today!