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Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services –Updates

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

*Change in state reimbursement process.*

Beginning with SY15-16 state funds paid for Breakfast and Lunches served will be paid at four times during the year instead of monthly and will include 11 months instead of 8 months seen in the last few years. Please see the attachment for the full description of the process. Please note: There is no change in how the Federal meal reimbursement is processed.

*Farm to School Webinar with Iowa speakers!*

Calling all schools! Are you interested in doing something special with the whole tray during Farm to School Month this October? Take note of this upcoming webinar, August 12 from 1:00-2:00 Central: Farm to School Month Midwest Menu Webinar. Learn about serving a coordinated lunch tray featuring local and regional foods on Thursday, October 22nd, 2015. You'll hear from food service directors and farm to school experts who celebrated Farm to School Month in 2014 with regionally coordinated activities and menus. Speakers include:

**Vanessa Herald** - Farm to School Specialist at the Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems, Wisconsin

**Sandy Huisman, RD, MS, LD** - Director Food and Nutrition Management Des Moines Public Schools, Iowa

**Chad Elliott** - Culinary Specialist Decorah Community School District, Iowa

**Melinda Maendele** - Food Service Director Norris Public School District, Nebraska

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