

September 23, 2016

Dear Authorized Representative and Food Service Director:

This notice is sent to the Authorized Representative and the Food Service Director in separate emails. If you desire additional staff members to receive the monthly emails please send me their contact information and I will add them to the distribution list. Please contact me at patti.harding@iowa.gov if you have additional questions or desire assistance.

Reminder - What's New in School Nutrition Webinar – September 26

Be sure and mark your calendar for the 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 PM for the What's New in School Nutrition webinars.

On September 26, the topic will be Preparing for an Administrative Review - what to expect during the on-site review. [Click here](#) to register.

Resources for Making Potable Water Available – SP49

This USDA memo reminds Child Nutrition Program operators of the potable water requirement. Schools participating in the NSLP must make potable water available to children at no charge where meals are served during the meal service. Review the memo for resources and additional guidance.

The Use of Share Tables in Child Nutrition Programs – SP41

Using “share tables” is an innovative strategy to encourage the consumption of nutritious foods and reduce food waste in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). Regulations require participating schools to provide reimbursable meals that meet specific meal pattern requirements. The Food and Nutrition Service recognizes that, for various reasons, children may not always want to consume certain food or beverage items included in their meal. “Share tables” are tables or stations where children may return whole food or beverage items they choose not to eat, if it is in compliance with local and State health and food safety codes. These food and beverage items are then available to other children who may want additional servings. The memo provides additional guidance that will assist you in use of sharing tables. There is additional guidance on Food Waste Reduction located on the DE web site, click [here](#).

Questions and Answers on Final Rule - Professional Standards for School Nutrition Personnel – SP38

Districts or schools that have hired a Food Service Director or Manager must ensure they meet the Professional Standards identified by USDA. The final rule “Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010” (80 FR 11077) established hiring and training standards that became effective July 1, 2015. The professional standards are intended to ensure that State and local school nutrition program personnel in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs have the knowledge and skills to manage and operate the programs correctly and successfully. This memorandum updates and replaces SP 39-2015, *Professional Standards for State and Local School Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010*, June 26, 2015. This updated version includes several new questions that reflect operators’ experience in the first year of implementation. *[New/Revised]* appears next to the new or significantly revised questions.

Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products in the School Lunch Program – SP53

This USDA memo explains how to credit tofu and soy yogurt in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. This memo supersedes SP16-2012 Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products, February 22, 2012.