

May 12, 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. The Bureau Notes, USDA memorandums, and related forms or documents listed in this email will be posted on the Bureau's web page under [Monthly Memos and Updates](#). Please contact me at patti.harding@iowa.gov if you have additional questions or desire assistance.

Food Safety Inspection for FY15 reported on IowaCNP

Now is the time to report your food safety/health inspections for school year 2015-2016 on [IowaCNP](#). For Instructions on how to enter the Food Safety Inspections for FY16 click [here](#). Contact your area consultant or Deb Linderblood at Deb.Linderblood@iowa.gov if you need assistance.

hawk-i

Public schools are required to release to the Department of Human Services Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*/ Medicaid Program) household information for the students eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits who have expressed interest in learning about *hawk-i* (by not signing *the hawk-i portion of the meal eligibility application* they decline having their information shared). Non-public LEAs may share, but are not required to share this information with DHS. Please review the memorandum posted at the link [here](#). You will need to scroll down the page a bit until you see the memo listed under 2016.

SP 33-2016 - Extension Notice: Requests for Exemption from the School Meals' Whole Grain-Rich Requirement for School Year 2016-2017

This memorandum extends the ability for school food authorities (SFAs) to request exemptions from the whole grain-rich requirements in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) through school year 2016-2017.

All flexibilities/exemptions that have been approved by the State agency may continue under the terms by which they were approved, through school year 2016-2017.

Reminders:

May 23 - What's New in School Nutrition Webinar

Monday, May 23 from 2:00-3:00

Reporting Nonprogram Food Costs: How and Why?

Register Now! Click [here](#).

Webinar will cover:

- A brief review of USDA Nonprogram Food Revenue Requirement
- Calculations of nonprogram food costs and nonprogram revenue available through the School Nutrition Financial Report on IowaCNP
- Methods and Tools for Calculating Nonprogram Food Costs
- How nonprogram food costs, the Iowa Public School Certified Annual Financial Report and the School Nutrition Financial Report work together.

May 25 - Equipment Grant Application due – Applications must be post marked May 25, 2016, to be considered. Click [here](#) for the application and notice of grant letter.

June 21 - Financial Management – Summer Short Course

A one-day workshop on School Nutrition Program Financial Management will be held at Scheman Continuing Education Center in Ames. While this course cannot teach participants everything they need to know about financial management, it will improve understanding of using revenue and expenditure data, and other financial management tools for School Nutrition Program evaluation and improvement. For full course description, click [here](#) and to register click [here](#).