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Inquiring Minds Want to Know... Agreement Renewal 2014-15

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW....When will the School Nutrition Online Renewal Process for 2014-2015 begin?

The State Agency received the USDA Prototype Household Application for School Year 2014-2015 on May 12, 2014. The State Agency is working feverishly to send out the template to all SFAs by Friday of this week.

As you are aware, the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application is simply one part of the online renewal process. The School Nutrition Technology System is being updated to incorporate policy changes from USDA last year and to implement the new Community Eligibility Program (CEP). We will have webinar sessions available with instructions on how to answer the CEP online questions for those wishing to participate in the CEP.

Remember the online renewal process has many steps including the approval of the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application (if the School Food Authority (SFA) wishes to have online Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Applications this must be approved by the Board Attorney), three original signature pages signed by the appropriate personnel which indicates agreement and compliance with the written agreement for the school year 2014 - 2015, the completion of the online SFA application and all site/school applications, as well as any checklist item generated by the way the responses to the questions were made.

Due to the lateness in the distribution of these documents to the SFAs, it is anticipated a waiver will be granted to extend the approval date. Please stay abreast of all deadlines by reading each School Nutrition Weekly Update.

REGISTRATION - NEW Direct Certification and Verification (DCV) System Training

Effective July 1, 2014 the new DCV system will be ready for SFAs to begin using for the 2014-15 sy. With this new system SFAs should see a larger amount of DC matches and the new process for manual matches has been greatly improved. In order for SFAs to be prepared to use this new system webinars have been planned for each region. Each webinar is approximately 1.5 hours and will cover the introduction of the new system, finding and downloading the latest matches, and the process of manual matches. Additionally, Directors/Administrators will have a new role which will be discussed in the last 30 minutes of the webinar. This will improve the efficiency of managing the user access process.

The training dates for the individual regions are:

Region	Date	Time	Reserve your Webinar seat now at:
Region 1	May 20	9:00am – 11:00am	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/438455408

Region 2	May 20	2:00pm – 4:00pm	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/794018992
Region 5	May 22	9:00am – 11:00am	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/852910920
Region 4	May 22	2:00pm – 4:00pm	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/973662672
Region 3	May 27	9:00am – 11:00am	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/881392888
Region 6	May 27	2:00pm – 4:00pm	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/918250257
Region 8	May 29	2:00pm – 4:00pm	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/682307337
Region 7	June 3	9:00am – 11:00am	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/296392121

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Merritt at 919-807-3515.

NC to Receive Additional Funds for Equipment Assistance Grants

Last week, the Child Nutrition Services Section was notified that it will receive \$1,165,000 in Federal funds to distribute to SFAs based on the submission of competitive applications. As indicated in the attached USDA Policy Memorandum, these funds are intended to allow SFAs to purchase equipment to serve healthier meals that meet the updated meal patterns, with emphasis on more fruits and vegetables in school meals, improved food safety and expanded access to school meals for all students.

At this time, we have been advised that priority for grant funding must be given to high need schools (schools in underserved areas, schools with limited access to other resources and the age of food service equipment to be replaced. High need is defined as 50% of more students enrolled are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Preference will be given to those schools that choose to participate in the Community Eligibility Program.

SFAs that have been issued a waiver from the paid lunch equity requirement will not be eligible for these grants since their operating balance exceeds three months which suggests the capacity to make equipment purchases with available funds.

The section is currently working to develop the application and guidance for the application process which must be approved by the USDA prior to distribution. As with previous Equipment Assistance Grants, we will require the SFA to submit a quote of formal bid (as a result of an Invitation for Bid) based on the SFA's small purchase threshold. Now is a good time to document the SFA's small purchase threshold so you will be

prepared to release an IFB (if required) or obtain a formal quote. Please also begin to consider which school(s) within your SFA may qualify for a grant. While the Equipment Assistance Grants will be competitive, we will take all reasonable efforts to disperse these funds as equitably as possible throughout the state.

Once the USDA approves our State application and grant award process, we will release the applications to all SFAs.

Good Luck!

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Farm-to-School Coalition Regional Meetings

Hello Farm to School Friends,

The budding Farm to School Coalition of NC currently includes representation from NC Center for Health and Wellness, Child Nutrition with DPI, Division of Public Health, Cooperative Extension, NC Department of Agriculture, ASAP, food distribution, and the NC Public Health Foundation. The F2S Coalition has received a USDA Farm to School Planning Grant with the purpose of mapping out a plan to move F2S forward in North Carolina. Regional meetings have been held and are scheduled to gather ideas, challenges, and stories from all Farm to School stakeholders. These meetings will culminate in a strategic agenda and an annual NC F2S conference, hopefully next spring. The remaining meetings are as follows:

Thursday, May 15th, 4:00-5:30 PM

Guilford County Cooperative Extension Center

3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro, NC 27405

(Hosted by [Guilford Cooperative Extension](#), FoodCorps NC)

Tuesday, June 10th, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Wilmington, specific location TBD

(Hosted by [Feast Down East](#), FoodCorps NC)

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May Farm-to-School Newsletter

The NC Farm to School newsletter has been posted to

<http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/newsletter/documents/2014MayFTSNewsletter.pdf>.

Click on the link to find out who won the Love NC Sweet Potatoes promotion contest held in February. Also, there is information on the Farm to School Coalition of NC stakeholder meetings being held across the state.

As always, please feel free to share with anyone you think would be interested in NC Farm to School and be sure to tell about your farm to school efforts.

Thank you for your interest in the program.

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Q&A – Disposition of Fixed Assets

QUESTION: Should a district have written procedures for the Disposition of Fixed Assets?

ANSWER: Yes, a district should have a detailed written procedure to follow the disposition of fixed assets from the time it is taken out of inventory, then sold/disposed until the time they receive money for the asset and the money received is deposited into the child nutrition account.

For example: Suppose a school cafeteria mixer is no longer working and the district sells the mixer to a local metal company and receives money for the scrap metal. Detailed written procedures must be in place to follow the entire process from the time it is removed until the SFA receives the funds to deposit into the child nutrition account.

If you have any additional questions on disposition of fixed assets, please contact your regional school nutrition consultant.

Q&A – Procurement: Rebates, Discounts, Allowances and Incentives

QUESTION: Must a vendor disclose information related to rebates, discounts, allowances or incentives they receive from a supplier for products sold to a School Food Authority (SFA)? Are vendors required to return the full amount of rebates, discounts, allowances or incentives to the SFA?

ANSWER: A. Yes to both questions. Because SFAs must use nonprofit school food service account funds to pay only for allowable costs – those costs net of all discounts, rebates and other applicable credits, USDA Policy Memo SP 01-2011 directs that all cost reimbursable contracts (including contracts with cost reimbursable provisions) disclose and remit to SFAs any/and all rebates, discounts, allowances or incentives they receive from a supplier for products sold to the SFA. These regulations are in place to ensure that SFAs receive the full benefit of any discounts, rebates or other applicable credits arising from purchases made under cost reimbursable contracts on behalf of the school meals programs. As such, it helps ensure that limited school meals program resources are used as efficiently as possible.

When developing bid specifications for cost reimbursable contracts, it is critical to include language in the bid document that direct prospective vendors to disclose and return to the SFA all rebates, discounts, allowances and/or incentives received from a supplier for products sold to the SFA. It is critically important not only that all cost reimbursable contracts include the required provisions as described above, but that the contract provisions are monitored and enforced by the SFA.

Please contact your Regional Child Nutrition Program Consultant should further information be needed.

“Fed Up” Feature Length Documentary by Katie Couric and Laurie David

We have recently been notified about a feature length documentary on the topic of childhood obesity, entitled [“Fed Up”](#). The film is produced by Katie Couric and Laurie David, known for producing Oscar winning “An Inconvenient Truth.” Fed Up is opening in select theaters nationwide and through video on demand starting on May 9. Details and the trailer can be found at <http://fedupmovie.com/>.

The film, which is highly critical of the food industry, contains a 10 minute segment that negatively portrays foods and beverages sold in schools (some of the visuals are of competitive food choices). While the film does outline the meal pattern changes, it rehashes the “pizza is a vegetable” controversy, quotes a student saying “it doesn’t look like the choices have improved,” and does not mention that upcoming competitive food standards will ensure the candy, soda and high fat/calorie foods pictured in the film are not sold in school stores.

In January, the School Nutrition Association (SNA) reached out to set the record straight regarding the healthy meals being served in school. Fed Up’s promoters are contacting school administrators to request that they host school screenings of the film, and SNA has provided extensive feedback encouraging that these screenings promote informed discussions about ongoing efforts to promote healthy school environments.

Attached are talking points and a sample letter you may send your district communications team and administrators should you wish to do so. If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Healthy Regards,

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Grant Opportunity – 2014-15 School Grants for Healthy Kids

This is the **last week** for schools to apply for the 2014 -2015 [School Grants for Healthy Kids](#). The grants, funded by our partners CSX Transportation, Kellogg Company, Kellogg's Company Fund (and more), range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are designed to help schools create or expand school breakfast programs, pilot universal breakfast programs or enhance their physical activity programs. Around 1,000 schools will be awarded funds ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to support school breakfast and physical activity programs. Funded schools will also receive expertise and people power to help implement a successful project that leads to sustainable change. For additional details about the available grants and a list of states for which the grants are available visit: <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/resources/school-grants>



How to apply webinar:

Interested schools were invited to attend a webinar (held March 20, 2014) to learn more about the available grant opportunities for 2014-2015 and receive tips for applying. **NOTE:** The webinar was recorded and archived at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z94NaQbSJJk&feature=youtu.be>

Revised Timeline for NC's Selection and Announcement of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Schools for School Year 2014-2015

Instead of May 2014, it will be June 2014 when the NCDPI announces NC's elementary schools selected to participate in the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) for School Year 2014-2015. This schedule change is due to an unanticipated delay in the USDA posting each state's respective FF&VP allocation for School Year 2014-2015.

Once the USDA informs the NCDPI Child Nutrition Services Section of NC's annual FF&VP allocation, as many schools as possible will be selected to participate in the program. The NC State Board of Education will review, approve, and vote on the selected FF&VP schools at their June 2014 Board Meeting scheduled the first week of June. The selected schools will be announced immediately.

The NCDPI Child Nutrition Services apologizes for any inconvenience along with the extended wait to learn of the selected schools.

Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Course Registration

NC Safe Plate is a new CFPM course developed jointly by School Nutrition Services Section and North Carolina State University Co-operative Extension. The course will provide instruction and an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited CFPM examination for the Person in Charge (PIC) of a food establishment as specified in Paragraphs 2-102.12(A) and Section 2-102.20 of the NC Food Code Manual.

This course with examination will initially be offered free of charge to a limited number of PIC (i.e. school nutrition managers) as a pilot project on the dates listed below. Participants will be responsible for all related expenses of travel, lodging, meals, and snacks. The two-day course will be taught from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm each day at the locations below. The first day includes instruction based on real world case studies, hands on practice, and discussions to share and learn from everyone's experience and expertise. The second day continues the lessons followed by a review session and the accredited certifying examination. Class size is limited to 20 participants and available only to PICs who are not currently certified or whose certification expires by August 31, 2014.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Classes are not full and some are in jeopardy of being cancelled so please take advantage of this no cost opportunity for food safety continuing education. The class will also provide continuing education credits for School Nutrition Association key area of food safety that may be applied towards certification requirements. The class is available to those who wish to become a CFPM or who need to renew CFPM certification by early 2015. To register please contact Susan Thompson at susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov.

Date	Location
May 12-13	Scotland County Co-operative Extension 231 E Cronly St., Laurinburg, NC 28352
May 19-20	Northampton County Co-operative Extension 9495 NC 305 Hwy, Jackson, NC 27845
May 27-28	Lee County Co-operative Extension 2420 Tramway Rd., Sanford, NC 27332-9174
June 9-10	Haywood County Co-operative Extension 589 Raccoon Rd., Waynesville, NC 28786
June 12-13	Caldwell County Public Library 120 Hospital Avenue, Lenoir, NC 28645
June 16-17	Koury Convention Center Greensboro, NC
June 30 - July 1	Granville County Co-operative Extension 208 Wall St., Oxford, NC 27565
July 17-18	Duplin County Co-operative Extension 165 Agriculture Drive, Kenansville, NC 28349
July 21-22	Rowan County Co-operative Extension 2727 Old Concord Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146
Aug 11-12	Pitt County Co-operative Extension 403 Government Circle, Greenville, NC 27834

SUDIA Summer Meals Grant Application

To qualify, SFA's must meet the following grant guidelines:

1. School District must be hosting the summer feeding program. They can have other sites (i.e., churches, boys and girls clubs, camps, etc.), but district must be supplying the meals.
2. Funding is available for new sites/programs only. Districts with previous summer feeding programs must be expanding the program by adding sites, not just number of days/students.
3. District must be able to use purchased equipment during the school year, not just summer feeding- for example, carts and cooler bags for EB or Afterschool snacks.

Please submit your completed applications by June 1, 2014, to: Debbie McKenzie, Southeast United Dairy Industry Association (SUDIA): via email: dmckenzie@sedairy.org, or fax: 919.882.9514. Questions? Email or call Debbie at 919.621.7267

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Mark Your Calendar

May 15 (Thursday).....Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for April 2014)
May 26.....Memorial Day (State Offices Closed)
June 10 (Tuesday)..... Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for May 2014)
**June 15 (Sunday) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for May 2014)
June 18-19, 2014SNA-NC Annual Conference (Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC)
July.....
July 4..... July 4 Holiday (State Offices Closed)
July 13-16..... SNA Annual National Conference (Boston)

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