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SUBJECT: Extension of the Fiscal Year 2009 Direct
Certification/Verification Grant Application

TO: Regional Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All Regions

State Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All States

On March 13, 2009, FNS issued a memo to inform state directors of funding available to State agencies to implement provisions related to certification and verification of student eligibility to receive free and reduced price meal benefits in school nutrition programs.

In that memo FNS informed state agencies that all grant applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on May 28, 2009. FNS has **extended** the application deadline to **5:00 p.m. EST on July 15, 2009**.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Johnson of the Grants Management Division via email at Lisa.Johnson@fns.usda.gov or by telephone at (703) 305-2848.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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