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SUBJECT: Child Nutrition Database Release 18

TO: Regional Directors
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The Child Nutrition Database Release 18 (CN18) was made available at the Healthy Meals Resource System website on March 26, 2014. Computer software companies with software approved by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Nutrient Analysis are required to update their software with CN18. This release can be downloaded by visiting: <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/cndatabase.html>.

The CN Database is an integral part of the nutrient analysis software approved by USDA. We expect software companies with USDA-approved software to incorporate CN18 into their products and to make the new version of the software available to current users no later than July 1, 2014. Anyone who does not receive an update with the current CN Database by July 1, 2014, should contact his or her software company.

The following chart provides a snapshot of the content of CN18 and a summary of new and updated items. Additionally, CN18 will include total sugars, reported in grams.

CN18 Content	Total in Category	New / Updated
Active Food Items	17,202	4,620 New / 92 Updated
Standard Reference Food Items	8,222	4,620 New / 92 Updated
Food Industry Items	8,453	0 New / 0 Updated
USDA Standardized Recipes	288	0 New / 0 Updated
USDA [commodity] Food Items	239	0 New / 0 Updated
Nutrient Values	290,737	92,629 New / 1,094 Updated

It is important to note that school food manufactures may also visit the CN Database website at: <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/cndatabase.html> to add and/or update the nutrient information for the products they make available to the school market place. All new and updated nutrient information will be included with the next annual springtime release of the CN Database.

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Additionally, please note that the list of USDA-approved software may be found here:
<http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/menu-planning/nutrient-analysis-software-approved-usda/nutrient-analysis-software-approved-use>.

Please contact Angela Leone at (703) 305-2609, if you have any questions or if you determine that a software company is not updating their software to include the CN18 database within the required time period.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia Long". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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