



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program
Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #19-08
The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, P.L. 110-161 expanded the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) nationwide and also allowed the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to reallocate \$3.4 million of the recovered FFVP funds to the six states under P.L. 109-97. (Connecticut was one of the six states). Therefore, the Connecticut State Department of Education has received \$565,126 in funds to execute the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. The purpose of the FFVP is to provide selected schools with an opportunity to offer free fruits and vegetables to students during the school day; thus, increasing fresh fruit and vegetable consumption in elementary and secondary schools.

The legislation limits each State Agency (SA) to select 25 schools to participate and the selection process will be based on specific criteria. The total dollars received by each school will be based on the total enrollment figures for the selected schools. Program funds must be expended by September 30, 2009.

Attached are: 1) The School Selection Application form, 2) The School Selection Criteria and Q & A, and 3) The Rating Review Form for the selection of the schools. (The application and criteria may also be downloaded by going to the following website: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320676>). To download a copy of the *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Handbook for Schools* go to http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Nutrition/FFVP_Handbook.pdf.

Interested school districts should complete the School Section Application form and submit it to: Teri Dandeneau, Connecticut State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457 no later than **July 15, 2008**. (Note that a separate application must be submitted for each school that is interested in participating in this program).

Questions pertaining to the FFVP may be directed to Teri Dandeneau at (860) 807-2079 or teri.dandeneau@po.state.ct.us.

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