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TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum # 5-10
Reminder Regarding Milk Substitutions

It has been observed during recent Coordinated Review Effort Administrative reviews that some School Food Authorities (SFAs) are not complying with the Food and Nutrition Service final rule *Fluid Milk Substitutions in the School Nutrition Program* (73 FR 52903). Some SFAs are serving water and/or juice in place of milk for nondisabled children. Juice and water **may no longer** be offered as milk substitutes for nondisabled children **at any time**.

Schools participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture school nutrition programs (National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, After-School Snack Program, Seamless Summer Program and Special Milk Program) must follow the federal requirements for milk substitutions for nondisabled children. These requirements apply to accommodations for children **without disabilities** who cannot drink milk, i.e., children who do *not* have a life-threatening food allergy to milk.

Attached is a two page handout that helps to provide an overview of this final rule. This handout is also available on the child nutrition program Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320674> under *Accommodating Special Dietary Needs in Child Nutrition Programs*. Please read this information carefully and share with appropriate staff members including your school managers.

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