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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Center Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #05C-11
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I. School Area Eligibility Data for At-Risk After School Programs

Attached for your information is the current list of area eligible schools for At Risk After School Snack/Supper Programs. This list includes schools where 50% or more of the enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program in the month of October 2010. The new school data is effective **February 1, 2011**, and would impact:

- programs initiating an at-risk after school snack/supper program; and
- the re-determination of programs whose current eligibility was based on October 2005 school data distributed in 2006.

The new list is based on school data from the month of October 2010 and reflects additions and deletions of schools since last year.

The following towns and schools have been added to the list since last year:

<u>Town</u>	<u>School(s)</u>
Bloomfield	Bloomfield High School J. P. Vincent Elementary School Laurel School
Danbury	Haystown Avenue School Shelter Rock School
Derby	Derby Middle School
Greenwich	Hamilton Avenue School New Lebanon School
Groton	Claude Chester School
Hamden	Hyde Leadership School
Hartford	Asian Studies Academy at Dwight (previously Dwight)
Meriden	Francis T. Maloney High School Hanover School
Middletown	Bielefield School Farm Hill School
Naugatuck	Salem School
New Britain	HALS Academy
Stamford	Hart School
West Haven	Harry M. Bailey Middle School West Haven High School

The following towns and schools have either closed or no longer meet the 50 percent enrollment requirements for area eligibility:

<u>Town</u>	<u>School(s)</u>
Bloomfield	Metacomet School
East Haven	D.C. Moore School
Hartford	Mary M. Hooker School Quirk Middle School Fisher School
Manchester	Manchester High School
Naugatuck	Hop Brook Intermediate
New Haven	Beecher Hyde Leadership John C. Daniels Ross/Woodward Wilbur Cross High School
Norwich	Greenville School
Shelton	Lafayette School
Stamford	Springdale School
West Haven	Anna V. Molloy School Clarence E. Thompson School

II. Effects of Busing on Area Eligibility in CACFP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has noted that a potential barrier to at-risk program participation can arise when school children in public school systems are assigned (by way of busing) to a school outside the attendance area of their neighborhood school.

Busing can have the effect of causing a site located in an area in which poor economic conditions exist to be designated as ineligible based on enrollment data which has been adjusted to reflect student reassignments. This situation may occur in any program in which site eligibility is based on the percentage of children eligible for free and reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP); it is especially significant to sites applying to participate in the Summer Food Service Program; the **At-Risk Afterschool Programs under the Child and Adult Care Food Program**; and the Seamless Summer Option and the Afterschool Snack Program under the NSLP. This is because the eligibility of meal service sites for these situations is generally associated with the neighborhood school where the children live rather than where children actually attend school.

To address this issue, USDA has determined that **in situations where public school districts routinely bus children from their neighborhood school to other schools, site eligibility based on school data may be determined using one of two methods.** The program sponsor may determine eligibility based on the enrollment/attendance data obtained for:

- the school the children attend and are bused to; or
- the school the children would have attended were it not for the district's busing policy (the neighborhood school where the children live).

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Program sponsors may determine a site to be area eligible in situations as described above only if the school food authority is able to document the percentage of children eligible for free and reduced-price meals at each school before and after students are reassigned. The same method of determining site eligibility must be used for all sites participating under that program sponsor to avoid duplicate counting. **In all cases involving district-wide busing, the Child Nutrition Unit should be contacted for guidance.**

Please contact Susan Boyle at 860-807-2074, Celia Cordero at 860-807-2076, Benedict Onye at 860-807-2080 or Andrew Paul at 860-807-2048 if you have any questions about this information.

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Attachment

Important: This is a numbered Operational Memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain in a binder for your future reference. Operational Memoranda are also posted on the Child Nutrition website at: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=321576>