STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO: Potential 2009 Summer Food Service Program Sponsors

FROM: Cheryl Resha, Education Manager
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DATE: January 21, 2009

SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum #01-09 - SFSP**
Interest Survey for 2009 Summer Food Service Program

In order to plan implementation of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in 2009, the Child Nutrition Unit is requesting that all sponsors who participated in the SFSP in the previous year and any prospective organizations indicate their interest in sponsoring the program.

In the summer of 2008, the SFSP had a substantial increase from the previous summer. The following table shows the number of meals and children who participated in all types of summer feeding programs including traditional, seamless and summer school. The average daily participation, total meals served and total sites served all increased.

Average Daily Participation:	31,364	**[11 percent increase from 2007]**
Total Number Meals Served:	1,385,371	**[11 percent increase from 2007]**
Total Number Sites Served:	443	**[9 percent increase from 2007]**

The Department hopes that a similar increase will occur in 2009. As you plan for the SFSP in 2009, consider how you can expand so that additional needy children can be fed. Examples include beginning the SFSP soon after the summer vacation begins, continuing later into the summer, opening more sites and increasing outreach efforts to children. Remember, ***Hunger Does Not Take a Summer Vacation***!

School sponsors continue to be eligible to participate in the Seamless Summer Food Program. Under the Seamless Program, school districts are offered streamlined administrative procedures through reduced paper work. If a school sponsor is interested in changing from participating in the Traditional Summer Food Service Program to the Seamless Summer Food Program in 2009, complete the "School Sponsor Only" section on the "Planning Data" form.

The enclosed "Planning Data" form is requested of **ALL** 2008 SFSP sponsors.

The following information must be completed and returned by February 13, 2009:

1. Review the enclosed 2008 site list and document the necessary changes for 2009.
   A. If the same sites will be served in 2009, indicate tentative dates of operation.
   B. If sites will be deleted in 2009, indicate by placing a line through the site information.
   C. If new sites will be added in 2009, complete the "Proposed New Site" section of the "Planning Data" form and return with the site listing.

2. **<u>All sponsors must complete the "Planning Data" section of the enclosed form, sign, date and return.</u> Please note that this form must be completed and returned even if there are no changes from 2008.**

Your response will signify your interest in sponsoring the summer program in 2009, either under the Traditional Summer Food Program or the Seamless Summer Food Program regulations. It is therefore important that your reply is submitted by the **<u>February 13, 2009</u>** deadline. Additional information will be forwarded to the contact person listed in the "Planning Data" section.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Bohuslaw at 860-807-2073 or Robert Zwack at 860-807-2081.

CR:sbb
Enclosures: (2)

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

*** PLANNING DATA ***

SPONSOR NAME:_____

CONTACT PERSON:_____

PHONE NUMBER:_____ **DATE:**_____

Signature of Person Reviewing the Enclosed Records:_____

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