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TO: Potential 2012 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #07-12 – SFSP
Restricted Open Sites and Summer School

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the requirements and options for schools offering academic summer school programs. Schools offering summer school programs can be reimbursed for serving meals during the summer in two ways. If the school only wants to serve meals to children enrolled in the summer school program, then it can continue its participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program. If, in addition to serving children enrolled in summer school, the school also wants and is eligible to serve children in the community at large, then it can operate an open site through the SFSP or the Seamless Summer Option under the NSLP.

The purpose of the restricted open site designation in the SFSP is to allow sponsors that want to operate an open site to restrict or limit site participation due to reasons of space, security, safety, or control (7 CFR §225.2). Schools may not operate as a restricted open site simply to receive the higher reimbursement rate offered in the SFSP and restrict participation only to summer school students. This is not the intent of the restricted open site option and is an unauthorized use of this site designation. Instead, if a sponsor operates the SFSP program at a site that provides summer school sessions, it must ensure that these sites are open not only to children enrolled in summer school, but to any children residing in the area served by the site (7 CFR §225.14 (d)(2)).

Questions pertaining to this memorandum may be directed to Susan Bohuslaw at 860-807-2073 or susan.bohuslaw@ct.gov.

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