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TUESDAY TIDBITS

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Tuesday Tidbits is the CSDE's weekly e-mail for Connecticut school nutrition sponsors. It provides simple suggestions, reminders, resources and advice to help run a successful school nutrition program. Previous editions are available on the CSDE's [Tuesday Tidbits](#) Web page.

September 6, 2016: Identifying Homeless Students in your School or District

Are you aware that all public school districts are required to have a homeless liaison? This designated person is responsible for the identification, school enrollment, attendance, and opportunities for academic success of students in homeless situations. Some of these activities may be accomplished by the liaison, while others are accomplished by coordinating the efforts of other staff – such as school nutrition personnel including the district's determining officials.

The determining officials must work closely with the homeless liaison to ensure that all students who are designated as homeless are provided meals free of charge. See the [Homeless Liaison Catalog](#) for more information. The catalog is updated annually and will be updated for school year 2016-17 very soon.

September 13, 2016: SHOW YOUR SPIRIT! Plan now for National School Lunch Week, October 10-14, 2016

Created by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, National School Lunch Week (NSLW) is a weeklong celebration of the school lunch program. Schools celebrate in their cafeterias every year with decorations, special menus, events, and more.

The National School Lunch Week (NSLW) 2016 theme, “*Show Your Spirit*,” is about getting excited about the benefits of students consuming wholesome, healthy school lunches—fresh fruits and veggies, whole grains, milk, and smiling students. It provides a great opportunity to **capitalize on using social media to promote your program to parents and students, too!**

Visit the [School Nutrition Association](#) Web site for more information and great resources.

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September 20, 2016: URGENT: 2016-17 Online Agreements must be approved

REMINDER: **You will be unable to claim your September meals** for reimbursement if you do not have an approved online agreement for school year 2016-17. At the start of each school year, every sponsor of the National School Lunch Program must update and submit a new online agreement before claims can be placed. The update should have already been completed to allow time for CSDE consultants to approve your agreement by mid-October. For information on completing the update, see CSDE [operational memorandum 9-16](#) and the instructions in [Updating the School Year 2016-17 Sponsor Agreement for School Nutrition Programs](#).

September 20, 2016: *Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child* Summer 2016 e-Bulletin

The [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Summer 2016 e-Bulletin](#) is available on the [Healthy Connections](#) Web page. Please share this information with your district's Wellness Team.

The Bulletin highlights two cross-cutting themes: teamwork and community involvement. Each topic highlights the importance and need for teamwork, inclusive of community support, when addressing student health and academic achievement. Featured topics in this Bulletin include:

- the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model (formerly Coordinated School Health);
- chronic absenteeism; and
- district and school wellness teams.

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