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# **Federal and State Updates to the School Nutrition Programs**

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# Updates

- ★ Program Renewals and documentation
- ★ State Law vs. Federal Rule-Healthy Snacks
- ★ Wellness Committee
- ★ New Administrative Review
- ★ Financial Management-Resource Management
- ★ Six Cents Certification
  - ★ Training
- ★ Compliance Packet
- ★ Direct Certification-New Report Format
- ★ ART Grant
- ★ USDA Foods
- ★ Resources



# Program Renewal Applications and Standard Contracts

- ★ Annual Renewal needs to be completed by September 26, 2014. THERE ARE SOME STILL NOT SUBMITTED!!!!!!
- ★ Renewal has additional documents-
  - ★ Vendor Information
  - ★ Annual Attestation to certification
  - ★ Free/ Reduced Policy
  - ★ Lunch Prices



# State Nutrition vs Federal Law

- Requires DPH to **establish nutritional standards for “competitive foods and beverages”** in public schools sold up to 30 minutes before or 30 minutes after the school day. Federal starts at 12:01 AM until end of school day
- **Update standards every 5 years**
- **Plain water readily available** during school day vs. meal service area exempt classroom meal service
- **Offer fresh fruits/non-fried vegetables** wherever food is sold (*except vending machines*)
- **Make nutrition info available** for non-prepackaged foods (*except fresh fruits/vegetables, food/beverages sold at booster sales and other school sponsored events*)
- **Prohibit use of fryolators** in preparing competitive foods
- Ensure food preparation and **all foods/beverages meet state and federal food safety guidelines**



# State Nutrition vs Federal Law

- Caffeine not available in middle and elementary, silent on high school vs. state no caffeine
- Milk variety at Federal does not exclude flavored fat free milk
- Calories from sugar by weight in Federal while state by calories
- Federal comment period closed
- Letter from Sec. Duncan and Sec. Vilsack
- Discussion with DPH
- Public Health Council Approval of Revisions



# School Wellness Advisory Committees- State vs Proposed Federal

- ★ Each district shall have wellness advisory committee
- ★ Superintendent shall appoint committee members
- ★ Shall meet at least 4 times per year
- ★ Recommend and/or review district policies on wellness
- ★ Submit report to superintendent & school committee





# New Administrative Reviews

- School Year 2014-15 posted
- Three year cycle
- Priority to SFA's not certified and not reviewed last year
- Off-Site Assessment must be completed by SFA-ESE Security portal
- Supporting documents in Document and Reference Library
- By popular demand- 11/17/14 Marlboro



# New Administrative Reviews

- Corrective Action Plans will be completed through ESE Security Portal
- Review not closed until all corrective action items have been resolved
- Fiscal Action tied to review findings.
- E-mails to school nutrition director, business manager and superintendent
- Training dates posted [www.doe.mass.edu/cnp](http://www.doe.mass.edu/cnp)



# Non Program Foods

- ★ Sold outside of program meals
- ★ Purchased with funds from the school food service account
- ★ Includes competitive foods as currently provided in regulations
- ★ An SFA must ensure that the overall revenue from non-program foods meets or exceeds the cost of obtaining these foods
- ★ If non-program food is purchased the SFA, all revenue must accrue back to the school food service account



# Financial Management

- ★ Financial Management System
  - ★ As defined by state agency (ESE)-due dates
  - ★ Reconciliation Process
- ★ Local Cash Management Procedures
  - ★ Cost Control
  - ★ Online Services Fees
- ★ Indirect Costs
- ★ Non Program Funds/Food
- ★ Supervision costs
- ★ Paid Lunch Equity Tool Completed Annually
- ★ Reimbursable Meals
- ★ Resource Management Trainings



# Paid Lunch Equity

- ★ Weighted Average Price for this year (SY14-15) needs to be greater than or equal to \$2.65
- ★ Please keep in mind next year's (SY15-16) PLE requirement is \$2.70
- ★ If you are below these amounts you need to increase your paid lunch price or contribute allowable non federal funds to the school lunch account. Take into consideration that the PLE requirement increases annually.
- ★ Refer to the SY14-15 and SY15-16 USDA Paid Lunch Equity Memorandums and Tools located in the Document Reference Library in the Security Portal



# Six Cent Certification

- ★ Districts remain that are not certified and not getting additional funds
- ★ Last round of assistance in training lab setting is being scheduled-Posted on [www.doe.mass.edu/cnp](http://www.doe.mass.edu/cnp)
- ★ Menu Planning Project can be used
- ★ In new review process, full nutrient analysis



# Financial Reporting

- ★ Please remember to upload your financial documents through the “Finance Packet” menu in the Security Portal. Please refer to August 2014 ESE Memo
- ★ Balance Sheet (as of 6/30/14) **was** due September 26, 2014
- ★ Q1 YTD P & L (through 9/30/2014) due October 31, 2014
- ★ Q2 YTD Profit & Loss (through 12/31/2014) due January 31, 2015
- ★ Q3 YTD Profit & Loss (through 3/31/2015) due April 30, 2015
- ★ Q4 YTD Profit & Loss (through 6/30/2015) due July 31, 2015
- ★ Balance Sheet (as of 6/30/15) due July 31, 2015



# Direct Certification

- ★ No New lists in the Security Portal
- ★ SNAP, TAFDC, Medicaid, Foster Child
- ★ Partial Matches
- ★ All districts have to conduct by electronic means
- ★ Minimum of 3 times per year
- ★ Virtual Gateway
  - ★ URF
  - ★ PACE
  - ★ VG
- ★ Resources and Aids
- ★ [ESENUTVG@doe.mass.edu](mailto:ESENUTVG@doe.mass.edu)





# Income Verification

- ★ Process must be completed by November 15 annually
- ★ Use Virtual Gateway for Direct Verification
- ★ New format for data collection
- ★ Accurate Verification Summary Report
- ★ Verification for cause
  - ★ Questionable applications
  - ★ District Employees and verification



# Alternative Methods of Eligibility

- ★ Direct Certification with Medicaid
- ★ Eligibility Report-Compliance Packet -11/1
- ★ Provision 2
- ★ State Universal Breakfast
- ★ Community Eligibility Provision
  - ★ 40% of students directly certified eligible
  - ★ 'Identified' students
  - ★ Multiplier factor of 1.3-1.6
  - ★ 60% is approximate number for break even
  - ★ Early 2015 training for eligible districts
  - ★ Based on June 2014 certification numbers



# Administrative Review Training Grant

- ★ Address improving accuracy and accountability in School Meals Programs
- ★ MA received \$1.02 million in FY 10 and additional funds in FY12 and FY14 \$1.5
  - ★ Focus in 3 Areas
    - ★ On-site workshops
    - ★ Training Modules
    - ★ Enhanced claim analysis tools
    - ★ [www.makingitcount.info](http://www.makingitcount.info)



# USDA Foods

- ★ Entitlement Value

  - ★ Ordering

  - ★ Tracking dollars in ESE Security Portal

- ★ Shelf Life Updates

  - ★ USDA

  - ★ Security Portal

- ★ Foods ordered for FY 2014-15

- ★ Preference Survey

- ★ Diversion Survey

  - ★ Attend upcoming USDA Foods meeting

- ★ DOD Pilot and Expansion



# Professional Standards

- ★ State Child Nutrition Director
- ★ Local School Nutrition Director
- ★ School Nutrition Manager
- ★ Other School Nutrition Staff
- ★ All personnel will be required to have annual training in reimbursable meal identification and accuracy
- ★ <http://professionalstandards.nal.usda.gov/>
- ★ See [www.makingitcount.info](http://www.makingitcount.info) and JSI training
- ★ Training Logs



# Allergen Awareness

- ★ School Food Service Personnel with Manager Certification Allergy Awareness training
- ★ Policies and procedures in place
- ★ ESE and John Stalker Institute of Food and Nutrition courses
- ★ Display Allergen Notice
- ★ Review updates and be current



# Massachusetts School Breakfast Challenge



- ★ The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) and the MSBC partners are challenging Massachusetts School Districts to **increase their school breakfast participation by 35%**
- ★ **75 School Districts** have already achieved this milestone
- ★ There is still time for your district to become a **MSBC Champion**



# Massachusetts School Breakfast Challenge

## Champions from October 2012 to March 2014

- ★ Abington Public Schools
- ★ Alma Del Mar Charter School
- ★ Andover Public Schools
- ★ Atlantis Charter School
- ★ Avon Public Schools
- ★ Bellingham Public Schools
- ★ Berkshire Hills Regional School District
- ★ Berlin-Boylston Regional School District
- ★ Blackstone Valley Voc Regional School Dist
- ★ Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
- ★ Blue Hills Regional School District
- ★ Boylston Public Schools
- ★ Brewster Elementary School
- ★ Brookfield Public Schools
- ★ Cohasset Public Schools
- ★ Dorchester Collegiate Academy Charter School
- ★ Douglas Public Schools
- ★ East Bridgewater Public Schools
- ★ Eastham Public Schools
- ★ Easton Public Schools
- ★ Excel Academy Charter School-Chelsea
- ★ Farmington River Regional School District
- ★ Foxborough Public Schools
- ★ Francis Parker Essential Charter
- ★ Franklin Public Schools
- ★ Gardner Public Schools
- ★ Gloucester Public Schools
- ★ Greater New Bedford RVTHS District
- ★ Hadley Public Schools
- ★ Hadley School Department
- ★ Hawlemont Regional School District
- ★ Holland School Committee
- ★ Hudson Public Schools
- ★ Ipswich Public Schools
- ★ Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District
- ★ Manchester Essex Regional School District
- ★ Mashpee Public Schools
- ★ Millis Public Schools





# Massachusetts School Breakfast Challenge

## Champions from October 2012 to March 2014

- ★ Monomoy Regional School District
- ★ Nantucket School Committee
- ★ Narragansett Regional School District
- ★ Nashoba Regional School District
- ★ Nashoba Valley Technical School Dist
- ★ Neighborhood House Charter School
- ★ North Central Charter Essential
- ★ Pelham School Committee
- ★ Phoenix Charter Academy
- ★ Pioneer Valley Regional School District
- ★ Provincetown School Committee
- ★ Quaboag Regional School District
- ★ Revere Public Schools
- ★ Rockland Public Schools
- ★ Rowe School Committee
- ★ Salem Public Schools
- ★ Saugus Public Schools
- ★ Seekonk Public Schools
- ★ Shawsheen Valley Vocational Technical School District
- ★ Shrewsbury Public Schools
- ★ Smith Academy For Leadership Charter School
- ★ Somerset-Berkley Regional School District
- ★ South Hadley Public Schools
- ★ Southern Berkshire Regional School District
- ★ Southern Worcester County Regional School Dist.
- ★ Southwick-Tolland Regional School District
- ★ Stoneham Public Schools
- ★ Sutton Public Schools
- ★ Swansea School Committee
- ★ Tewksbury School Committee
- ★ Tisbury School Committee
- ★ Tri-County Regional Vocational Tech School Dist.
- ★ Uxbridge Public Schools
- ★ Wachusett Regional School District
- ★ Walpole Public Schools
- ★ Winchester Public Schools
- ★ Woburn Public Schools



# School Breakfast Challenge

- ★ Grant Opportunities
  - ★ Fuel Up 2 Play 60
- ★ State Breakfast Grants
  - ★ \$200,000.00
- ★ Federal Breakfast Grants
  - ★ \$250,000.00
- ★ Continued Efforts



# Related Areas

- ★ Compliance Packet in ESE Portal
  - ★ Food Safety Inspection Report
- ★ MassDEP Survey
  - ★ <https://barnstablecounty.wufoo.com/forms/food-service-ware-used-in-school-cafeterias/>
- ★ Farm to School Meeting
- ★ ESE/JSI Healthy Programs Summit-May 20/21
- ★ Scholarships
- ★ Awards
- ★ Keys to Excellence



# Resources

- ❖ Eos Foundation- Grants for alternative breakfast opportunities in Gateway cities and 80% participation
- ❖ Pew Charitable Trust-
  - ❖ Training and Equipment
  - ❖ Smart Snacks
- ❖ Community Outreach Plans
- ❖ USDA Farm to School Census



# Resources

- ★ John Stalker Institute
- ★ Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
  - ★ Security Portal
- ★ School Nutrition Assn of MA & School Nutrition Association
- ★ NFSMI
- ★ ESE's Child Nutrition Outreach Program
- ★ Food Day- October 24 annually
- ★ Grants
- ★ US Department of Agriculture
  - ★ HUSSC-award recognitions and application
  - ★ Sharing [Information](#) website

