



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**TO:** Sponsors of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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**SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #7-14**  
Proposed Rule - Community Eligibility Option

The Food and Nutrition Service recently issued the proposed rule for *Eliminating Applications through Community Eligibility as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010*. Click on [Community Eligibility Option](#) (CEO) to review the proposed rule. In summary, the CEO is a reimbursement option for eligible local educational agencies and schools that wish to offer free school meals to all children in high poverty schools without collecting household applications. Reimbursement levels are based on “identified students” which are either:

- a. directly certified based on their household’s participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Temporary Family Assistance; or
- b. considered homeless, migrant, runaway, Head Start, or foster children.

The public is invited to comment on this proposed rule and the deadline date for providing written comments is January 3, 2014.

Questions may be directed to:

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