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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Child Care Center Sponsors

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I. School Area Eligibility for At-risk Afterschool Meals Programs

Attached for your information is the current list of area eligible schools for At-risk Afterschool Meals Programs, e.g., at-risk snack/supper programs. This list includes schools where 50 percent or more of the enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in the month of October 2018. The new school data is effective **February 1, 2019**, and impacts:

- programs initiating an at-risk afterschool snack/supper program; and
- the redetermination of programs whose current eligibility was based on October 2013 school data distributed in 2014.

The new list is based on school data from the month of October 2018, and reflects additions and deletions of schools since last year.

The following towns and schools have been added to the list since last year:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Schools</u>
Bridgeport	Winthrop School
Bristol	Bristol Central High School
	Ivy Drive School
	Mountain View School
Chaplin	Chaplin Elementary School
Danbury	Danbury High School
	Great Plain School
Derby	Bradley School
East Hartford	Governor William Pitkin School
<u>Town</u>	<u>Schools</u>
East Haven	Deer Run School
	Dominick H. Ferrara School
	East Haven High School
East Windsor	Broad Brook Elementary School
	East Windsor Middle School
Enfield	Eli Whitney School
	Henry Barnard School
	Prudence Crandall School
Fairfield	McKinley School

<u>Town</u>	<u>Schools</u>
Griswold	Griswold Elementary School
Hamden	Dunbar Hill School
Killingly	Killingly Central School Killingly Intermediate School Killingly Memorial School
Manchester	Manchester High School
Middletown	Keigwin Annex Woodrow Wilson Middle School
Montville	Charles E. Murphy School Mohegan School
Naugatuck	Hop Brook School Naugatuck High School Western School
Norwalk	Fox Run Elementary School Naramake Elementary School Nathan Hale Middle School Norwalk High School
Plainfield	Moosup Elementary School Plainfield Central School Plainfield Memorial School
Plymouth	Harry S. Fisher Elementary School
Stonington	West Broad Street School
Stratford	David Wooster Middle School Harry B. Flood Middle School Lordship School Nichols School Stratford High School
Torrington	East School Torrington School Torrington High School Torrington Middle School
Vernon	Vernon Center Middle School
Wallingford	Cook Hill School
West Hartford	Smith School
Windsor	Clover Street Elementary School
Windsor Locks	North Street School Windsor Locks Middle School

The following towns and schools have either closed or no longer meet the 50 percent enrollment requirements for area eligibility:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Schools</u>
Brooklyn	Brooklyn Middle School
Hartford	Batchelder School Simpson-Waverly School
Stafford	Stafford High School Staffordville School West Stafford School

<u>Town</u>	<u>Schools</u>
Stamford	Hart School Westover School
Stratford	Chapel School

II. Effects of Busing on Area Eligibility in the CACFP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has noted that a potential barrier to at-risk program participation can arise when school children in public school systems are assigned (by way of busing) to a school outside the attendance area of their neighborhood school. Busing can have the effect of causing a site located in an area in which poor economic conditions exist to be designated as ineligible, based on enrollment data that has been adjusted to reflect student reassignments.

This situation may occur in any program in which site eligibility is based on the percentage of children eligible for free and reduced-price meals in the NSLP. It is especially significant to sites applying to participate in the Summer Food Service Program, the At-risk Afterschool Meals Program under the CACFP, the Seamless Summer Option under the NSLP, and the Afterschool Snack Program under the NSLP. This is because the eligibility of meal service sites for these situations is generally associated with the neighborhood school where the children live, rather than where children actually attend school.

To address this issue, the USDA has determined that in situations where public school districts routinely bus children from their neighborhood school to other schools, site eligibility based on school data may be determined using one of two methods. The program sponsor may determine eligibility based on the enrollment/attendance data obtained for:

- the school the children attend and are bused to; or
- the school the children would have attended were it not for the district's busing policy (the neighborhood school where the children live).

Program sponsors may determine a site to be area eligible in situations as described above, only if the school food authority is able to document the percentage of children eligible for free and reduced-price meals at each school before and after students are reassigned. The same method of determining site eligibility must be used for all sites participating under that program sponsor to avoid duplicate counting.

In all cases involving districtwide busing, sponsors should contact the CSDE Child Nutrition Unit for guidance.

Questions may be directed to the CACFP consultants below.

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Attachment

Important: This is a numbered Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) operational memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain in a binder for future reference. All CSDE operational memoranda are posted on the CSDE's [Operational Memoranda for the CACFP](#) webpage.