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

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## SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #12-12 Revised Questions and Answers on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) New Meal Patterns for Schools

Attached is the USDA's revised "Questions & Answers" (dated February 23, 2012) on the final rule to update school meals offered under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This handout updates the guidance previously released on January 25, 2012. It addresses the final rule overall and includes questions on general and specific aspects of the new meal requirements. All new or revised questions and answers are indicated in italics.

The USDA will continue to revise this document periodically to address additional questions and answers as they arise during the implementation of the new meal requirements. These materials and other resources may be found on the USDA's Web site at <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm">http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm</a>.

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