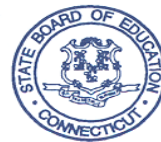




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TO: Sponsors of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

FROM: Cheryl Resha, Education Manager *Cheryl Resha*
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DATE: March 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #18-12
Proposed Rule on the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Attached is the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Proposed Rule for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). This is also available online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/regulations.htm>. This proposed rule would establish the basic requirements for the operation of the FFVP in conformance with the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. It would also set forth administrative and operational requirements for FFVP operators at the state and local levels.

The intent of these provisions is to ensure that the FFVP encourages the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables by elementary school children, thus improving their dietary habits and long-term health. Note that there are several proposed changes to the FFVP, which may be of interest to participating sponsors.

The USDA is inviting sponsors and interested persons to comment on this proposed rule. All comments must be received by the Food and Nutrition Service on or before April 24, 2012, and they may be submitted online at www.regulations.gov. Comments may also be submitted via mail to: Julie Brewer, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 634, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

Questions may be directed to the State of Connecticut's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Coordinator Andy Paul at 860-807-2048 or andrew.paul@ct.gov.

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