



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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

FROM: Cheryl Resha, Education Manager *Cheryl Resha*
Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education

DATE: July 18, 2012

SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum #35-12**
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 July 13, 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 USDA guidance previously released on April 26, 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 <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm>.

Questions may be directed to:

COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS	CONSULTANT	E-MAIL	PHONE
Litchfield County New London County	Fionnuala Brown	fionnuala.brown@ct.gov	860-807-2129
Fairfield County Middlesex County (towns/cities beginning with C-E) New Haven County (towns/cities beginning with A-M)	Jackie Schipke	jackie.schipke@ct.gov	860-807-2123
Middlesex County (towns/cities beginning with F-W) Tolland County Windham County	Susan Alston	susan.alston@ct.gov	860-807-2081
Hartford County New Haven County (towns/cities beginning with N-W)	Teri Dandeneau	teri.dandeneau@ct.gov	860-807-2079

CR:sff

Attachment

Important: This is a numbered Operational Memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain in a binder for your future reference. Operational Memoranda are also posted on the Child Nutrition Web site: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320676>