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TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP)

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SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum No. 14-22**  
School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) Funds  
**Attestation Statement Due August 19, 2022**

Pursuant to Public Act No. 22-118 (House Bill 5506), \$30 million of federal American Rescue Plan Act (2021) funds was allocated to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) for the Free School Meals for Children grant. The intent of this appropriation is for these funds to assist households, through school food authorities' (SFAs) continued provision of school meals at no cost to students for as long as possible in school year (SY) 2022-23, as SFAs transition back to operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). For the past two years, most sponsors operated under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP. All SSO meals were served at no cost to students and reimbursed by the CSDE at the free reimbursement rate established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). For SY 2022-23, under the NSLP and SBP, free and reduced-price meal eligibility will again be determined for each individual student. Meals will be reimbursed based on a student's approved eligibility (free, reduced, and paid).

For purposes of this grant, the funds will be referred to as School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) funds. SMART funds will require participating SFAs to provide free breakfast and/or lunch meals to all students in schools that are approved to participate in the NSLP and SBP in SY 2022-23 subject to the availability of funds. The SMART funds will reimburse SFAs the difference between the federal reimbursement rate for free meals and the federal reimbursement rate for reduced-price and paid meals.

### **Eligible SFAs**

For purposes of this grant, SFAs in good standing are eligible to receive the funds if they:  
1) participated in the SSO of the NSLP during SY 2021-22 (including all sites operating under interschool agreements); and 2) are participating in NSLP and/or the SBP during SY 2022-23.

SFAs that are not eligible to receive SMART funds include sites participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for SY 2022-23, new NSLP sponsors in SY 2022-23, and SFAs that operated the NSLP (not the SSO) in SY 2021-22.

### **Funding Formula**

The CSDE determined the amount of funding provided to eligible SFAs using a predetermined formula. The allocation includes \$3,000 per approved site operating the SBP under SSO in SY 2021-22 plus a proportional amount of funding based on each SFA's total SY 2018-19 reduced-price and paid lunch counts. The \$3,000 is intended to ensure that all SFAs participating in breakfast receive a meaningful level of funding. The proportional amount is intended to provide resources that scale with the total reduced-priced and paid meals served by the SFA.

### **Payments**

Each SFA's formula-calculated allocation will be loaded into the CSDE's Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System) upcoming Distribution of Funds (DOF) module as a starting balance. After the CSDE processes the monthly claims for reimbursement, a report of the number of meals eligible for SMART funds will be generated to determine each SFA's SMART funds monthly reimbursement payment. The SFA's SMART funds reimbursement payment will be paid utilizing the same process already in place to pay the SFA's monthly claims for reimbursement. Once the SMART funds payment is made, the amount will be deducted from the SFA's SMART funds balance in the DOF module.

The DOF module will allow each SFA to see their full allocation amount and monitor their fund balance in real time in the CNP System. This functionality will assist SFAs with determining how long the allocation will last for each of their eligible sites based on their own student population and participation. The example below indicates how the CSDE will determine each SFA's SMART funds payment.

#### *Example of SMART funds payment*

ABC School District is in good standing and has six sites that will be operating SBP and NSLP in SY 2022-23. All six sites operated under the SSO of the NSLP in SY 2021-22 offering breakfast and lunch. All six sites have NSLP lunch counts from SY 2018-19. Three sites will be participating in the CEP in SY 2022-23 and are not eligible to receive SMART funds.

Based on this information, the ABC School District will be allocated \$139,000 in SMART funds:

- \$3,000 per 3 eligible SBP sites (\$9,000); and
- \$130,000 allocation based on reduced-price and paid reimbursement in SY 2018-19 at the eligible sites.

The ABC School District submits their September monthly claim for reimbursement in accordance with the monthly claiming schedule. Based on the number of reduced-price and paid meals claimed for September at the eligible sites, the chart below shows what the CSDE will reimburse the ABC School District for the NSLP and SBP.

<b>Lunch meal category</b>	Federal per meal reimbursement regular rate for lunch (SY 2022-23)	SMART funds lunch reimbursement rate	Number of lunch meals served in September	SMART funds reimbursement per lunch meal
Free meals	\$4.33	\$0.00	2,750	\$0.00
Reduced-price meals	\$3.93	\$0.40	800	\$320.00
Paid meals	\$0.77	\$3.56	6,500	\$23,140.00
Total lunch reimbursement				\$23,460.00

<b>Breakfast meal category</b>	Federal per meal reimbursement regular rate for breakfast (SY 2022-23)	SMART funds breakfast reimbursement rate	Number of breakfast meals served in September	SMART funds reimbursement per lunch meal
Free meals	\$2.26	\$0.00	800	\$0.00
Reduced-price meals	\$1.96	\$0.30	125	\$37.50
Paid meals	\$0.50	\$1.76	350	\$616.00
Total breakfast reimbursement				\$653.50

In this example, the CSDE will reimburse the ABC School District \$24,113.50 for eligible lunch and breakfast meals claimed in September. This amount will be deducted from the SFA’s starting allocation. The remaining balance will be the starting balance for October:

ABC School District starting allocation	\$139,000.00
September total lunch reimbursement	- \$23,460.00
September total breakfast reimbursement	-\$653.50
Total balance remaining	\$114,886.50

Based on September’s SMART Funds reimbursement, ABC School District is on trend to provide free meals to all students for approximately five more months or through February 2023.

## **Use of Funds**

SMART Funds may only be used by SFAs to provide breakfast and lunch meals at no cost to all SBP and NSLP eligible sites. SMART funds cannot be used at schools that do not participate in the NSLP. For additional guidance on the proper use of SMART funds, refer to *Attachment 1: Questions and Answers: School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition funds for School Year 2022-23*.

## **CSDE Monitoring**

The CSDE will monitor each SFA's SMART funds reimbursement to ensure compliance with the SMART funds requirements pursuant to 2 CFR §200.332, and consistent with other school nutrition programs funds, through existing oversight measures used in the Administrative Review process for school nutrition programs. SMART funds may be subject to future external audit activity under standard auditing practices.

## **Allocations and Attestation Statement**

Attachment 2 is the list of eligible SFAs and their estimated formula-calculated allocation.

**All eligible NSLP sponsors must notify the CSDE whether they accept or decline the SMART funds by completing and submitting *Attachment 3: School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition Funds Attestation Statement* by August 19, 2022.** To be eligible to receive SMART funds, SFAs must indicate an affirmative response to all criteria included in the Attestation Statement and submit the completed and signed Attestation Statement to [CNPermanentAgreement@ct.gov](mailto:CNPermanentAgreement@ct.gov) by August 19, 2022.

If a SFA declines their allocation, there will not be another opportunity to opt in and accept the SMART funds. Declined SMART funds will be made immediately available for reallocation by the CSDE to participating SFAs. SFAs electing to receive SMART funds will receive notification of their total allocation to include any reallocated funds. The CSDE must obligate all SMART funds payments to eligible SFAs by June 30, 2023.

Questions may be directed to your [school nutrition consultant](#).

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Attachments (3)

# School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) Funds Question and Answers for School Food Authorities

This document includes questions and answers regarding Connecticut’s SMART funds for school food authorities (SFAs) that operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). For more information, refer to the Connecticut State Department of Education’s (CSDE) [Operational Memorandum No. 14-22: School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition \(SMART\) Funds](#).

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## SMART Funds Question and Answers for SFAs

### General Questions

1. **Are SMART funds an extension of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nationwide waiver allowing SFAs to participate in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP?** No. The USDA's nationwide waiver allowing SFAs to participate in the SSO of the NSLP expired on June 30, 2022. This is a State of Connecticut program established through Public Act No. 22-118 (House Bill 5506) and funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021 to assist SFAs with providing free school meals to students in school year (SY) 2022-23 as SFAs transition back to operating the NSLP and SBP.
2. **How will the CSDE allocate the \$30 million of the ARPA funds Connecticut has earmarked for school meals?** The CSDE has allocated the funding provided to eligible SFAs using a predetermined formula. The allocation includes \$3,000 per approved site operating the SBP in SY 2021-22 plus a proportional amount of funding based on each SFA's total SY 2018-19 reduced-price and paid lunch counts. The \$3,000 is intended to ensure that all SFAs participating in breakfast receive a meaningful level of funding, and the proportional amount is intended to provide resources that scale with the total reduced-priced and paid meals served by the SFA. SY 2020-21 total lunch counts will be used for sites that did not have 2018-19 lunch counts.
3. **Who is eligible to receive SMART funds?** SFAs in good standing that are participating in the NSLP and/or the SBP during SY 2022-23 and that participated in the SSO of the NSLP during SY 2021-22, including all sites operating under interschool agreements. Sites participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for SY 2022-23, new NSLP sponsors, and SFAs that operated the NSLP (not the SSO) in SY 2021-22 are not eligible to receive SMART funds. By federal law, CEP schools must offer breakfast and lunch at no cost and are not allowed to collect free and reduced-price meal applications.
4. **What if some of the SFA's schools are CEP and some are not. Are the non-CEP schools eligible for SMART funds?** Yes. While schools participating in CEP are not eligible, non-CEP schools are eligible for SMART funds.
5. **Are private schools and endowed academies eligible to receive SMART funds?** Yes. Private schools and endowed academies participating as a sponsor, or through an interschool agreement in NSLP and/or the SBP during SY 2022-23 that participated in the SSO of the NSLP during SY 2021-22, are eligible to receive SMART funds.
6. **Are residential child care institutions (RCCIs) eligible to receive SMART funds?** RCCIs that are strictly residential programs are not eligible. However, RCCIs that operate programs with day students are eligible for SMART funds to serve meals at no cost to day students.

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7. **Are new NSLP sponsors (SY 2022-23) eligible for SMART funds?** No. New NSLP sponsors are not eligible for SMART funds. The intent of the SMART funds is to help SFAs transition back to the meal service operations in place prior to the public health emergency (PHE). Since new sponsors have not participated in the NSLP, their students and parents/guardians have never experienced the disruptions to the federally funded school Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) caused by the PHE.
8. **Will new sites starting a SBP in SY 2022-23 be eligible for the \$3,000 SMART payment?** Yes. If a SFA participated in the SSO in SY 2021-22 and offered breakfast, then new SBP sites operating through SY 2022-23 will be eligible for the \$3,000 SMART payment. As part of the Attestation Statement, SFAs must indicate which sites under the sponsor agreement will be participating in SBP for the entirety of SY 2022-23.
9. **Can a representative of a food service management company sign the attestation statement to accept or decline the funds?** No. One of the authorized signers of the CNP Permanent Agreement must sign the Attestation Statement.
10. **Is this “universal free meals?”** No. The intent of the SMART funds is to allow for a smoother conversion for households to adjust back to submitting free and reduced-price applications without accruing debt due to unpaid meal charges as SFAs transition to the meal service operations in place prior to the PHE.
11. **Can SFAs opt in to receive the SMART funds at any time?** No. All eligible SFAs must choose to elect or decline to receive their SMART funds allocation by August 19, 2022. If a SFA declines their allocation, their SMART funds will be available for reallocation by the CSDE.
12. **Can SFAs opt in at a later date to receive SMART funds even though the SFA previously declined acceptance of the funds?** No. Once an SFA “opts-out,” the funds will immediately be reallocated to SFAs that opt in to the SMART funds and will no longer be available.

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13. **How long are SMART funds projected to last?** Each SFA will need to monitor their SMART funds allotment closely and determine how long the SMART funds will last for a full month's worth of breakfast and/or lunch meal service. The CNP Online System will reflect the full amount allocated and the amount deducted with each month's claims for reimbursement. Therefore, it will be critical for SFAs to submit claims on time in the 30-day time frame or risk an inaccurate monthly financial snapshot.
14. **How will SFAs receive the SMART funds?** SMART funds will be transmitted to SFAs in the same way as federal claims for reimbursement. These funds must be maintained and accounted for separately in the nonprofit school food service account.
15. **What Child Nutrition Programs can SMART funds be used for?** SMART funds may only be used to support serving NSLP and SBP meals at no cost to students. Funds cannot be used for the Afterschool Snack Program (ASP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), Special Milk Program (SMP), Summer Food Service Program, (SFSP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP, a la carte, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program, or other programs.
16. **Will accepting SMART funds impact School Breakfast Grant funds, Healthy Food Certification funds, or State Match funds?** No.



## SMART Funds Question and Answers for SFAs

### Use of Funds

17. **Will SMART funds be allocated annually?** No. SMART funds is a one-time opportunity to help schools have a smoother transition from providing all meals at no cost to all households into charging households for school meals based on their incomes.
18. **Can SFAs still sell a la carte if the SFA accepts SMART funds?** Yes. However, SMART funds cannot be used for a la carte items and can be only used to support providing USDA reimbursable meals through the SBP and NSLP.
19. **Can SFAs receive partial payment from students eligible for paid or reduced-price meals?**  
No. By opting in to receive SMART funds, households cannot be charged any cost for reimbursable SBP and NSLP meals.
20. **Can SFAs use SMART funds to pay down student debt for charged reimbursable meal debt or a la carte charges?** No. Student debt for meals or a la carte is an unallowable charge to the nonprofit school food service account (NSFSA). Funds from the NSFSA cannot be used to cover costs related to the bad debt, such as continued legal and collection costs.
21. **Can SFAs use SMART funds to cover only reduced meals?** No. SMART funds must be used to cover the cost of all reimbursable paid and reduced-price breakfast and lunches in all the SFA's schools.
22. **If an SFA accepts SMART funds, can funds be used for some NSLP sites and not all? What if all the schools in the district do not participate in NSLP?** Once a SFA opts in to the SMART funds, they must provide all NSLP and SBP meals at no cost to all NSLP and SBP participating sites. SMART funds cannot be used at schools that do not participate in the NSLP.
23. **Are there any restrictions on the usage of funds?** Expenses must comply with the cost principles of 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E. Costs charged to the NSFSA must be necessary, reasonable, allocable (direct or indirect), and consistently treated as direct or indirect.
24. **Can SFAs use SMART funds to provide second meals?** No. SMART funds cannot be used to provide second meals to students eligible for free, reduced, or paid meals.
25. **Can SFAs use SMART funds to make adult meals free or no cost?** No. SMART funds may only be used to support providing NSLP and SBP meals at no cost to all students.

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26. **Can SFAs accept SMART funds if the SFA has funds in excess of the 3 months' average operating costs?** Yes. To maintain the SFA's nonprofit status, sections 7 CFR 210.14(b) and 7 CFR 210.19(a)(1) of the NSLP regulations require that the fund balance (net cash resources) of the NSFSA cannot exceed three months' average expenditures as of June 30 of each year. SFAs that exceed three months' average expenditures must submit a [Plan for Reducing Excess Operating Balance](#) to the CSDE to indicate how the excess balance will be spent to maintain the SFA's nonprofit status. Expenditures must make improvements to the USDA school nutrition programs such as improving food quality and replacing or purchasing necessary equipment.

### Claiming

27. **Do SFAs claim all meals as free?** No. While all students will be receiving breakfast and lunch meals at no cost, meals must be claimed based on a student's approved eligibility (free, reduced, or paid).
28. **What rate will the meals be reimbursed?** The SMART funds will reimburse the SFA the difference between the Federal reimbursements rates for free meals and the reduced-price and paid reimbursement rate established for SY 2022-23. Reimbursement will reflect the SFAs Federal severe need eligibility for lunch and/or breakfast if applicable.
29. **Will use of SMART funds impact a SFA's Federal severe need eligibility for lunch and breakfast?** No. Because breakfast and lunch meals will still be claimed by individual student eligibility (free, reduced, and paid), use of SMART funds to provide meals at no cost to students will not impact severe need eligibility. Schools are eligible for the Federal severe need breakfast reimbursement rate if 40 percent or more of NSLP lunches served to students at school during the second preceding school year were at the free or reduced-price rate (42 U.S.C. 1773(d) and 7 CFR 220.9(d)). SFAs are eligible severe need lunch if 60 percent or more of the NSLP lunches served in the second preceding school year were at the free or reduced-price rate (42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(2)).

## SMART Funds Question and Answers for SFAs

### Free and Reduced-price Eligibility

30. **Should an SFA still collect free and reduced-price applications SY 2022-23?** Yes. The CSDE does not anticipate that the SMART funds will cover an entire year of meal service at no cost to all households in all SFAs. Therefore, it is critical that SFAs participating in the SMART funds collect free and reduced-price school meal applications. The more households approved for free or reduced-price meals, the higher the federal share of reimbursement to the district will be, which may lengthen the amount of time that the SMART funds last.
31. **How is the 30-day carryover waiver impacted by the Keep Kids Fed Act (KKFA) and in light of the SMART funds?** Due to challenges resulting from COVID-19, the CSDE received approval from USDA to waive the required carryover of eligibility requirements in the NSLP and SBP for SY 2022-23. Therefore, a SFA who participated in the Seamless Summer Option in SY 2021-22, has the two options below when implementing the carryover period for SY 2022-23. For more information, refer to [Operational Memorandum 13-22: Carryover of a Student's Eligibility for School Year 2022-23](#).
- Option 1: Use the student's eligibility status (free, reduced, or paid) as of June 2022 as the eligibility that will be carried over for the first 30 operating days into SY 2022-23, starting with the first day of school.
  - Option 2. If a household did not submit an application for a child or a direct certification determination was not made in SY 2021-22, the SFA may go back to the student's most recently approved eligibility status (free, reduced, or paid) between SY 2019-20 and SY 2020-21. If a household submitted an application in SY 2021-22 and it was denied, the determination in the carryover period for SY 2022-23 is a paid eligibility status.

Although SFAs who opt into receiving SMART funds will provide student meals at no charge during the carryover period, SFAs will be required to claim those students using the student's eligibility based on the option selected above for the 30-day carryover period. Therefore, SFAs are encouraged to have a robust plan in place to encourage households to submit new applications prior to the expiration of the 30-day carryover period.

32. **Will all CSDE public release statements and meal application materials/notification letters be updated to reflect the transitional free meal plan?** Yes. The appropriate forms will be updated by the CSDE and sponsors will be notified when these forms are updated.

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33. **Are SFAs still required to collect and process free and reduced-price applications?** Yes. SFAs must have a plan in place to encourage parents/guardians to submit applications, especially during the carryover period. Outreach is very important to avoid excessive charging of meals when SMART funds are depleted and the SFA transitions to having students pay for their meals.
34. **Are SFAs required to check the direct certification list?** Yes. The direct certification contact must check the list weekly to see if a match was conducted. This will help to ensure that all eligible children are directly certified for free or reduced-price meals.
35. **Are SFAs required to complete Verification?** Yes. Since applications are being collected and processed, the formal verification process is still required and the FNS 742 Verification Summary Report will need to be completed. As a reminder, the formal verification process begins on October 1. An application may be *verified for cause* at any time a determining official questions income or household size. For more information, refer to the USDA's [\*Eligibility Manual for School Meals\*](#).

## SMART Funds Question and Answers for SFAs

### Miscellaneous

36. **How is the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) waiver impacted by the Keep Kids Fed Act (KKFA) and in light of the SMART funds?** To assist SFAs to better transition to normal pricing based on their local needs, the CSDE received approval from USDA to waive the PLE requirements for SY 2022-23. Regardless of the SFA's fund balance as of December 31, 2021, SFAs have the discretion to choose whether to raise the paid lunch price for SY 2022-23. The availability of the PLE waiver provides SFAs the flexibility to price paid lunches at a level that is best for their school or district based on local needs. This includes the option to decrease paid lunch prices from their previous levels. However, before adjusting paid lunch prices for SY 2022-23, SFAs should carefully review their budget to determine the most appropriate pricing. The receipt of SMART funds should be one of the considerations for SFAs when setting paid lunch prices. For more information, refer to [Operational Memorandum No. 12-22: Paid Lunch Equity: Guidance for School Year 2022-23](#).
37. **Will this impact a SFAs meal charging policy?** Yes. SFAs must create or update any policies and procedures related to the collection of unpaid meal charges for children who are served meals, are not eligible for free meals but do not have money in their account or in hand to cover the cost of the meal at the time of service. For more information, refer to [Operational Memorandum No. 11-22: Connecticut Statutory Requirements for Unpaid Meal Charges in Public Schools](#).

If the SFA elects to participate in SMART funds, there will not be any unpaid meal charges because students will receive a meal free of charge. It is important to have an updated charging policy based on current regulations so when SMART Funds run out, and the district shifts back to collecting funds for meals, the policy is accurate and can be communicated to students and households.

## SMART Funds Question and Answers for SFAs

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
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3. email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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## Attachment 2

# School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) Funds List of Eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) for School Year 2022-23

This list includes the estimated formula-calculated allocations for SFAs eligible to receive SMART funds for school year (SY) 2022-23. For more information, refer to Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Operational Memorandum No. 14-22: School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition \(SMART\) Funds](#).

Sponsor ID	Sponsor Name	SFA Consolidated SMART Funds Allocation
00300	Ashford Board of Education	\$ 41,215.50
00400	Avon Board of Education	\$ 383,219.44
00700	Berlin Board of Education	\$ 257,041.12
00800	Bethany Board of Education	\$ 45,880.07
00900	Bethel Board of Education	\$ 449,015.59
01100	Bloomfield Board of Education	\$ 192,970.71
01200	Bolton Board of Education	\$ 75,888.69
01300	Bozrah Board of Education	\$ 21,696.46
01400	Branford Board of Education	\$ 239,256.71
01800	Brookfield Board of Education	\$ 333,965.48
02200	Canterbury Board of Education	\$ 53,787.09
02300	Canton Board of Education	\$ 130,737.22
02400	Chaplin Board of Education	\$ 23,640.73
02500	Cheshire Board of Education	\$ 687,771.66
02600	Chester Board of Education	\$ 25,613.10
02700	Clinton Board of Education	\$ 98,271.95
02800	Colchester Board of Education	\$ 223,798.72
03200	Coventry Board of Education	\$ 196,085.80
03300	Cromwell Board of Education	\$ 265,406.75
03600	Deep River Board of Education	\$ 33,327.35
04100	East Haddam Board of Education	\$ 108,100.59
04200	East Hampton Board of Education	\$ 170,859.60
04500	East Lyme Board of Education	\$ 296,433.47
04800	Ellington Board of Education	\$ 271,860.03
04900	Enfield Board of Education	\$ 458,309.40
04903	St. Bernard School-Enfield	\$ 19,215.50

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<b>Sponsor ID</b>	<b>Sponsor Name</b>	<b>SFA Consolidated SMART Funds Allocation</b>
05000	Essex Board of Education	\$ 48,509.08
05100	Fairfield Public Schools	\$ 1,173,476.19
05200	Farmington Public Schools	\$ 487,234.77
05400	Glastonbury Public Schools	\$ 734,514.47
05600	Granby Public Schools	\$ 253,030.11
05700	Greenwich Public Schools	\$ 713,553.27
05800	Griswold Public Schools	\$ 173,448.96
05900	Groton Public Schools	\$ 243,931.95
06000	Guilford Public Schools	\$ 437,169.04
06200	Hamden Public Schools	\$ 487,226.28
06500	Hartland Public Schools	\$ 9,112.36
06700	Hebron Public Schools	\$ 89,943.63
06800	Kent Center School	\$ 21,800.73
06900	Killingly Public Schools	\$ 204,269.35
07100	Lebanon Public Schools	\$ 113,204.52
07200	Ledyard Public Schools	\$ 163,341.98
07300	Lisbon Public Schools	\$ 58,314.89
07700	Manchester Public Schools	\$ 172,303.34
07800	Mansfield Public Schools	\$ 201,133.48
07900	Marlborough Public Schools	\$ 60,072.49
08400	Milford Public Schools	\$ 756,901.37
08401	Boys & Girls Village, Inc.	\$ 12,336.29
08500	Monroe Public Schools	\$ 321,941.89
08600	Montville Public Schools	\$ 220,095.74
09100	New Fairfield Public Schools	\$ 220,953.92
09200	New Hartford School Lunch	\$ 52,245.76
09316	Yeshiva Gedolah Rabbinical Institute of New England	\$ 28,951.17
09400	Newington Public Schools	\$ 502,700.93
09600	New Milford School Lunch	\$ 595,419.97
09700	Newtown School Lunch	\$ 461,181.95
09900	North Branford School Lunch	\$ 182,903.73
10000	North Canaan School Lunch	\$ 33,753.45
10100	North Haven School Lunch	\$ 350,524.85



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10200	North Stonington Lunch	\$ 87,542.37
10600	Old Saybrook School Lunch	\$ 95,896.53
10700	Orange School Lunch	\$ 194,557.07
10800	Oxford School Lunch	\$ 241,898.42
10900	Plainfield Board of Education	\$ 156,040.31
11000	Plainville Community Schools	\$ 224,306.20
11100	Plymouth School Lunch	\$ 138,929.07
11300	Portland School Lunch	\$ 147,847.06
11400	Preston School Lunch	\$ 57,132.85
11800	Ridgefield School Lunch	\$ 436,864.26
11900	Rocky Hill School Lunch Program	\$ 433,011.31
12100	Salem Board of Education	\$ 26,478.96
12200	Salisbury Board of Education	\$ 35,505.31
12400	Seymour School Lunch	\$ 312,698.91
12500	Sharon School Lunch	\$ 14,189.92
12600	Shelton School Lunch	\$ 615,175.14
12800	Simsbury School Lunch	\$ 403,892.35
13100	Southington School Lunch	\$ 633,164.37
13200	South Windsor Board of Education	\$ 493,953.31
13400	Stafford School Lunch	\$ 94,418.60
13700	Stonington School Lunch	\$ 154,028.36
13800	Stratford School Lunch	\$ 536,199.74
13900	Suffield School Lunch	\$ 245,479.86
14000	Thomaston School Lunch	\$ 112,488.79
14100	Thompson School Lunch	\$ 71,388.35
14200	Tolland School Lunch	\$ 316,021.26
14400	Trumbull School Lunch	\$ 829,851.98
14600	Vernon School Lunch	\$ 213,985.01
14700	Voluntown Public Schools	\$ 36,989.32
14800	Wallingford Board of Education	\$ 541,793.98
15160	Congregation Durham Heights	\$ 31,429.00
15200	Waterford School Lunch	\$ 258,775.66
15300	Watertown School Lunch	\$ 315,450.81

Attachment 2

**SMART Funds List of Eligible SFAs for SY 2022-23**

<b>Sponsor ID</b>	<b>Sponsor Name</b>	<b>SFA Consolidated SMART Funds Allocation</b>
15400	Westbrook School Lunch	\$ 70,754.59
15500	West Hartford School Lunch	\$ 930,154.53
15900	Wethersfield School Lunch	\$ 494,904.13
16000	Wilmington Board of Education	\$ 67,313.54
16400	Windsor School Lunch	\$ 417,008.46
16600	Wolcott School Lunch	\$ 373,663.53
16700	Woodbridge School Lunch	\$ 123,483.02
16900	Woodstock School Lunch	\$ 110,110.98
20100	Regional School District 01	\$ 47,828.22
20400	Regional School District 04	\$ 95,558.51
20500	Regional School District 05	\$ 249,524.73
20700	Regional School District 07	\$ 103,863.67
20800	Regional School District 08	\$ 181,388.72
20900	Regional School District 09	\$ 357,906.62
21000	Regional School District 10	\$ 327,494.32
21300	Regional School District 13	\$ 173,669.42
21400	Regional School District 14	\$ 229,672.64
21500	Regional School District 15	\$ 461,020.61
21600	Regional School District 16	\$ 320,098.25
21700	Regional School District 17	\$ 220,387.13
21800	Regional School District 18	\$ 136,505.71
24100	CREC	\$ 250,977.03
24200	EdAdvance	\$ 386,035.71
24500	LEARN	\$ 135,790.50
25300	EASTCONN	\$ 158,593.11
26400	Integrated Day Charter School	\$ 33,291.18
29600	Stamford School for Excellence Charter School	\$ 21,729.58
90100	Norwich Free Academy	\$ 211,600.63
90200	The Gilbert School	\$ 68,065.68
97201	Children's Center	\$ 16,753.77
97301	Adelbrook, Inc. - The Children's Home	\$ 26,143.87
98101	Waterford Country School	\$ 2,452.55

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2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
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# Attachment 3: School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) Funds

## ATTESTATION STATEMENT

**Instructions:** Complete all information below. All school food authorities (SFAs) must complete section 3. This form must be signed by the SFA's authorized signer 1 or 2, as approved on the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs. Return this form to [CNPermanentAgreement@ct.gov](mailto:CNPermanentAgreement@ct.gov) by **August 19, 2022**.

Sponsor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor agreement number: \_\_\_\_\_ Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 1: Accept Funds

Complete part 1 only if the SFA is **accepting** the SMART funds. The SMART funds are federal funds received by the State of Connecticut through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The SFA must also complete parts 2 and 4.

As the local educational agency's (LEA) duly authorized representative of the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP), I do hereby:

**Accept** the SMART funds and attest that the aforementioned SFA and all eligible schools under its jurisdiction operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), will comply with the criteria below. **Note:** Check () the applicable box to indicate if the SFA meets each criterion. **A "No" answer to any criterion will disqualify the SFA from receipt of SMART funds.**

- The SFA will offer at no cost reimbursable lunch and/or breakfast meals to all students at all eligible sites participating under their CNP sponsor agreement for the duration of the availability of the SMART funds allocation and notify parents, guardians, and students as such.  Yes  No
- The SFA will not charge students for reimbursable lunch and/or breakfast meals regardless of their individual student eligibility.  Yes  No
- The SFA will utilize the Direct Certification list to identify individual student eligibility.  Yes  No
- The SFA will collect free and reduced-price meal applications to determine individual student eligibility.  Yes  No
- The SFA will collect proper point of service counts based on individual student eligibility.  Yes  No
- The SFA will claim reimbursable meals by individual student eligibility.  Yes  No
- The SFA will submit monthly claims for reimbursement to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) in accordance with the current schedule for submitting online reimbursement claim data.  Yes  No
- The SFA will use SMART funds only to support providing the NSLP and SBP at no cost to all students under their CNP sponsor agreement.  Yes  No

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- The SFA will notify the CSDE at least 30 days prior to the conclusion of offering meals at no cost and will utilize remaining funds in accordance with 7 CFR 210 and 7 CFR 220.  Yes  No
- The SFA will notify the parents/guardians of students eligible for reduced-price and paid meals at least 30 days prior to the conclusion of offering meals at no cost.  Yes  No
- The SFA will comply with all applicable Federal procurement and financial management requirements per 2 CFR 200.  Yes  No
- The SFA will comply with all recordkeeping and review requirements per 7 CFR 210.9(b)(17) and 7 CFR 210.18, including maintaining documentation demonstrating appropriate use of SMART funds.  Yes  No
- The SFA recognizes that SMART funds cannot be used for the following reasons:  Yes  No
  - a. to indirectly or directly offset a reduction in net tax revenue resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation beginning on March 3, 2021, through the last day of the fiscal year in which the funds provided have been spent;
  - b. to make a deposit to a pension fund;
  - c. for debt service or replenishing financial reserves;
  - d. to satisfy any obligation of settlements and judgments;
  - e. for a project that conflicts with or contravenes the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act statute (e.g., uses of funds that undermine COVID-19 mitigation practices in line with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and recommendations); and
  - f. in violation of the Award Terms and Conditions or conflict of interest requirements under the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200);
- The SFA recognizes that the CSDE may seek recovery of SMART funds if the SFA does not meet the conditions outlined in this Attestation Statement.  Yes  No

### Part 2: School Breakfast Program Participation for School Year (SY) 2022-23:

LEAs that accept SMART funds must attach a list of all sites under the sponsor agreement that will be participating in the SBP for the entirety of SY 2022-23.

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## Part 3: Decline Funds

Complete part 3 only if the SFA is **declining** the SMART funds. The SFA must also complete part 4.

**Note:** Once SMART funds are declined, they will be immediately reallocated. The SFA will **not** have another opportunity to accept these funds.

As the duly authorized representative of the Child Nutrition Programs, I do hereby:

**Decline** the SMART funds.

## Part 4: Signature of Authorized Representative

I certify that the information provided in Part 1 or Part 2 is true and correct.

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*Signature of authorized representative (Signer #1 or #2 on ED-099 Agreement)*

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*Printed name of authorized representative*

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*Title of authorized representative*

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*Date*

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