



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #25-11
School Food Service Account Revenue Amendments Related to the Healthy,
Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and Paid Lunch Equity (PLE)

In April 2011, the Connecticut State Department of Education issued guidance on “Equity in School Pricing.” (Operational Memorandum #17-11 may be found at http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/LIB/sde/pdf/DEPS/Nutrition/OPmemos/11/OM_17_11.pdf.) On June 13, 2011, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued further guidance providing clarification and tools to assist districts in the process of implementing PLE. The interim rule entitled, “National School Lunch Program: School Food Service Account Revenue Amendments Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010” implements sections 205 and 206 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (Public Law 111-296). These provisions established requirements for school food authorities (SFAs) for the following:

- Revenue from paid reimbursable lunches (7 CFR 210.14(e)); and
- Revenue from foods sold outside of reimbursable meals when those foods are purchased with school food service account funds (7 CFR 210.14 (f)).

USDA provided the following items and they are attached for your review:

- Questions and Answers based on inquiries from State agencies and SFAs.
- Step-by-step instructions on the following:
 - how to determine the SFA’s average price for paid lunches;
 - the comparison of the average price and the difference between the free and paid reimbursement rates;
 - how to determine if price increases are needed; and
 - the amount of revenue from non-Federal sources that may be added to the food service account in lieu of a paid lunch price increases.
- An Excel based tool with user instructions that SFAs may use to

determine the current average price for paid lunches and the new average paid lunch price requirement. The tool can also be used to determine the total amount of non-Federal revenue that an SFA would need to contribute if it chooses not to raise its average paid lunch price.

SFAs should read through this information carefully and share with appropriate staff members.

Questions may be direct to:

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