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TO: Sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum No. 1-17 – SFSP
Sponsor Survey Regarding Meal Service During Unanticipated School Closures

Federal regulations ([7 CFR 225.6\(e\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#)) for the SFSP and the SSO of the NSLP allow for the service and reimbursement of meals served during the period of October through April, if served in an area affected by unanticipated school closure due to natural disaster, major building repairs, court orders relating to school safety or other issues, labor-management disputes, or, when approved by the state agency, a similar cause. This includes closure for snow days. USDA memo [SP 55-2016](#), [CACFP 26-2016](#), [SFSP 18-2016](#) summarizes the regulations and requirements for meal service during unanticipated school closures.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the USDA encourages school food authorities participating in the NSLP and School Breakfast Program (SBP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) institutions, and SFSP sponsors to use the flexibilities provided to help ensure students do not experience a lapse in food security when extreme weather or other events force area schools or day care programs to close.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting your input to help develop policies and procedures governing implementation of meal services during unanticipated closures. The online survey can be accessed at https://sde.ct.gov/qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2b3eIQXyFIO9jA9.

Your responses are considered informational, and will not constitute a commitment to provide these services. We thank you for taking the time to identify your organization's capacity and interest in serving the children of your community in these circumstances.

Questions may be directed to Caroline Cooke, Summer Meals Coordinator, at 860-807-2144 or caroline.cooke@ct.gov.

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