

# The School Lunch Tray: February 2, 2022

Dear School Sponsors of Child Nutrition Programs:

The School Lunch Tray contains the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) weekly email notifications for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) school nutrition programs. This week's topics are listed below.

## **Action Items**

- USDA Foods Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Additional Items Available for School Year (SY) 2022-23: Due February 15, 2022

## **Need to Know**

- Reminder: Table Talk on Thursday, February 3, 2022
- Reminder: School Wellness Policy Workshop on February 16: How to Complete the WellSAT-I (Step 2)
- Resource Roundup: Supply Chain Toolkit for Northeast School Meal Partners

## **Good to Know**

- Institute of Child Nutrition's (ICN) First Edition of Quarterly iBites Newsletter

Please review and share with appropriate staff members. For previous versions of the School Lunch Tray, visit the CSDE's [School Lunch Tray and Table Talk](#) webpage.



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## Action Items

### USDA Foods Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Additional Items Available for School Year (SY) 2022-23: Due February 15, 2022

The USDA issued 2.9 million dollars to Connecticut to purchase bonus Direct Delivery items for SY 22-23. These funds are fair-shared based on each Recipient Agency's (RA's) 2018-19 lunch meal counts. Each RA will use their available funds to order from a CCC catalog that opens on February 3, 2022, and closes on February 15, 2022. This catalog is separate from the upcoming SY 2022-23 USDA Foods annual ordering period.

RAs will place all CCC orders in Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM). RAs should use the CSDE's CCC Bonus Items Ordering Worksheet to calculate the amount of items to order, staying **under** the allotted total.

Since this is a unique, one-time only offer, the WBSCM system cannot manage orders to prevent over-ordering. **Please use the CCC Bonus Items Ordering Worksheet and pay careful attention to ensure your limit is not exceeded.** Orders exceeding the allotted amount will be canceled. You may not have an additional chance to enter a corrected order due to the short turnaround for these orders.

#### Instructions:

1. Review the CSDE's [CCC Bonus Items Ordering Amounts for Recipient Agencies](#) for your district's amount of allocated bonus dollars. These dollars will not count against your entitlement for USDA Foods.
2. Use the CSDE's [CCC Bonus Items Ordering Worksheet](#) to forecast your orders.
3. Place your orders in WBSCM, making sure to order up to (but not over) your allocated amount. **Note:** Any orders exceeding your allocated amount will be canceled and you may forfeit your bonus dollars.



In addition to the direct links above, the CCC documents are available in the “[Web-Based Supply Chain Management \(WBSCM\)](#)” section of the CSDE's Food Distribution Program (USDA Foods) webpage.

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### Important notes:

- Per-case delivery fee and case minimums still apply.
- These items will be shipped to the state warehouse in August or September 2022, for use in the NSLP during SY 2022-2023.
- Remember to consider these orders when you place your USDA Foods orders.

More information and timelines for USDA Foods orders for SY 22-23 will be in next week's SLT.

## Need to Know

### Reminder: Table Talk on Thursday, February 3, 2022

Join us tomorrow from 2:00-3:00 p.m. for this week's Table Talk. To submit questions in advance, visit [https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5px5YKVBdQNQZDo](https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5px5YKVBdQNQZDo).

Registration is not required. Please use the link below to join Table Talk on Microsoft Teams.

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### Reminder: School Wellness Policy Workshop on February 16: How to Complete the WellSAT-I (Step 2)

The next online workshop explaining how to complete the WellSAT-I (Step 2) will be held on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022**, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please complete [this form](#) by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

As a reminder, all sponsors of the school nutrition programs are required to complete the triennial review of their local school wellness policy by [June 30, 2022](#).

### **Resource Roundup: Supply Chain Toolkit for Northeast School Meal Partners**

The Northeast Regional Office (NERO) of USDA recently developed the [Supply Chain Toolkit for Northeast School Meal Partners](#). The Supply Chain Toolkit was adapted for the Northeast Region to provide available resources and information, as well as assist in communicating supply chain challenges. As a reminder, you can find more resources in the “[Supply Chain Issues](#)” section of the CSDE’s Operating Child Nutrition Programs during COVID-19 Outbreaks webpage.

### **Good to Know**

#### **Institute of Child Nutrition’s (ICN) First Edition of Quarterly iBites Newsletter**

The ICN released the [first edition of their quarterly iBites newsletter](#). This edition focuses on recently resources including fact sheets, handouts, podcasts, trainings, and online course. It also highlights some of the resources that will be coming later this year. Visit the [ICN](#) webpage to subscribe to receive ICN news and updates.

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [School Lunch Tray and Table Talk](#) webpage, or contact the [school nutrition programs staff](#) in the CSDE's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/SLT/2022/SLT\\_02\\_02\\_2022.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/SLT/2022/SLT_02_02_2022.pdf).

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