

## The School Lunch Tray: June 8, 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**

- Reminder: First Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Triennial Assessment Due June 30, 2022

### **Need to Know**

- Operational Memorandum No. 09-22: State Severe Need School Breakfast Program Grant for School Year 2021-22
- USDA Announces Food System Transformation Framework
- Summer Meals Outreach Materials from End Hunger CT!
- Reminder: Table Talk Tomorrow, Thursday, June 9, 2022
- Resource Roundup: CSDE's Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Milk in School Nutrition Programs Webpage

### **Good to Know**

- Nutrition Security in Action: A New Blog Series from USDA
- Free USDA Nutrition Education Resources: Summer Food, Summer Moves

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

### **Reminder: First Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Triennial Assessment Due June 30, 2022**

The USDA's final rule, [Local School Wellness Policy Implementation Under the HHFKA of 2010](#), requires that each local educational agency (LEA) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) must complete an assessment of their LSWP at least once every three years. LEAs must complete the first LSWP assessment by June 30, 2022, and make this assessment available to the public. For guidance on the steps and resources to complete this requirement, visit the "[What's Next](#)" section of the CSDE's School Wellness Policies webpage.

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## Need to Know

### **Operational Memorandum No. 09-22: State Severe Need School Breakfast Program Grant for School Year 2021-22**

The CSDE's [Operational Memorandum No. 09-22](#) outlines the criteria for payment of the State Severe Need School Breakfast Program Grant and includes the list of school food authorities (SFAs) with sites that qualify for this grant. SFAs will receive approximately \$2,649 per eligible sites. For questions about this information, please contact Susan Alston at [Susan.Alston@ct.gov](mailto:Susan.Alston@ct.gov).

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### **USDA Announces Food System Transformation Framework**

On June 1, 2022, the USDA announced details of a framework to transform the food system to benefit consumers, producers, and rural communities by providing more options, increasing access, and creating new, more, and better markets for small and mid-size producers. This announcement builds on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain disruptions caused by Russia's war in Ukraine. It also provides additional details on the June 2021 announcement to strengthen critical supply chains and address longstanding structural challenges that were revealed and intensified by the pandemic. For more information, refer to the USDA's [Food System Transformation press release](#).

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### **Summer Meals Outreach Materials from End Hunger CT!**

Summer Meals Outreach Materials are available for ordering from End Hunger CT! (EHC!). All outreach materials are free, available in Spanish and English, and come in multiple sizes. These materials feature the new No Kid Hungry texting hotline number.

Please complete the [order form](#) by 6 p.m. on **Monday, June 13, 2022**, to allow EHC! time for processing. Multiple pick-up dates and times are available. EHC! can also mail orders if needed.

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### Reminder: Table Talk Tomorrow, Thursday, June 9, 2022

Join the CSDE's school nutrition programs staff for Table Talk on June 9, 2022, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Table Talk will review pertinent information from the School Lunch Tray newsletters for June 1 and 8. 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.

### Microsoft Teams meeting

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[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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### Resource Roundup: CSDE's Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Milk in School Nutrition Programs Webpage

The [Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Milk in School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage is your go-to source for information about processing free and reduced-price applications. This webpage includes information on many topics, such as disclosure release requests, limited English proficiency, free and reduced-price application forms, the USDA's *Eligibility Manual for School Meals*, and income guidelines.

As a reminder, the CSDE's updated free and reduced-price application forms for school year (SY) 2022-23 are now available in the "[Documents/Forms](#)" section. **Note:** Not all forms are updated for SY 2022-23. The Spanish versions will be updated as soon as the USDA issues the new Spanish nondiscrimination statement.

## Good to Know

### **Nutrition Security in Action: A New Blog Series from USDA**

[Nutrition security](#) builds on ongoing efforts to address food insecurity, focusing on how the foods we have access to and eat support overall health. Across the country, efforts are underway in partnership with local organizations and stakeholder groups to enhance nutrition security for families. The USDA is launching a nutrition security blog series to help tell those stories. Starting next week, the USDA will highlight activities supporting the four pillars of nutrition security:

- [Meaningful support](#)
- [Healthy food](#)
- [Collaborative action](#)
- [Equitable systems](#)

More information on the USDA's activities is available in [USDA Actions on Nutrition Security](#)

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### **Free USDA Nutrition Education Resources: Summer Food, Summer Moves**

Program operators and sponsoring organizations that participate in the USDA's Child Nutrition Programs can request free printed copies of Team Nutrition's Summer Food, Summer Moves Resources:

- Placemat [[English/Spanish](#)]
  - Poster Set [[English/Spanish](#)]
  - Resource Kit [[English](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
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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](#) at the Connecticut State Department of Education, School Health, Nutrition and Family Services, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/SLT/2022/SLT\\_06\\_08\\_2022.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/SLT/2022/SLT_06_08_2022.pdf).

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