

# The School Lunch Tray: November 23, 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**

- None

## **Need to Know**

- Resource Roundup: Completing the Verification Collection Report (FNS 742): Due December 15, 2022

## **Good to Know**

- USDA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Farm to School Grant Opportunity Informational Webinars

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.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



## Need to Know

### **Resource Roundup: Completing the Verification Collection Report (FNS 742)**

The CSDE's resource, [Completing the Verification Collection Report \(FNS 742\)](#), provides guidance to assist sponsors with completing the annual FNS 742 Verification Collection Report (VCR). All sponsors of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) must complete VCR in the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Districts that are 100 percent Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), private schools, and residential child care institutions (RCCIs) must also complete this document.

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## Good to Know

### **USDA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Farm to School Grant Opportunity Informational Webinars**

The USDA's FY 2023 Farm to School Grant Program request for applications (RFA) is now open. Please see the [FY2023 RFA](#) on [Grants.gov](#) for more information and to apply.

Recordings of the FY2023 Farm to School Grant webinars presented on November 8 and November 9, 2022, are available at the links below.

- [Getting Familiar with the FY2023 Farm to School Grant: An Overview and How to Apply](#): This webinar provided an overview of the FY 2023 Farm to School Grant Program request for applications, including eligibility, available grant types, and more. Attendees familiarized themselves with the RFA requirements and how to submit a complete application on Grants.gov.
  - [Getting Your Grant Package Together: Developing and Writing a Successful Grant Application](#): This webinar explored the key characteristics of a competitive Farm to School grant application. It reviewed the required components and provided technical assistance on how to submit a complete application. Attendees learned tips for writing a succinct application that clearly outlines farm to school projects.
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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.

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