

Summary of School Lunch Tray Topics for 2022

This document summarizes the School Lunch Tray topics for 2022. The School Lunch Tray is the CSDE’s weekly e-newsletter for Connecticut sponsors of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) school nutrition programs, including the [National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\)](#), [School Breakfast Program \(SBP\)](#), [Afterschool Snack Program \(ASP\)](#) of the NSLP, [Seamless Summer Option \(SSO\)](#) of the NSLP, and [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program \(FFVP\)](#).

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12-21-2022	SLT Newsletter 12-21-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Memorandum No. 03-23: Schedule for Submitting Child Nutrition Programs Monthly Claims for Reimbursement in Fiscal Year 2023 • Reminder for Receipting in FFAVORS Before Winter Break • New CSDE Resource: When Commercial Grain Products Require a Product Formulation Statement (PFS) to Credit in the School Nutrition Programs • New CSDE Resource: Crediting Grain-based Desserts in the School Nutrition Programs • Updated Version of CSDE’s Guide: Meeting the Whole Grain-rich Requirement for the NSLP and SBP Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 (December 2022) • Recalled and Updated Versions of CSDE’s Grain Crediting Resources • New Food Yields Added to the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based Tool and FBG Interactive Mobile App • Resource Roundup: Recipe Ideas for Schools • Team Nutrition Recipe of the Month: Cheesy Bean Tostadas

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12-14-2022	SLT Newsletter 12-14-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Reminder: Verification and the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) 742 Verification Summary Report Due December 15, 2022 • Updated Nonprogram Pricing Worksheets for Adult Meals for School Year 2022-23 • USDA Foods Direct Delivery Update on Orange Juice Cups • Now Available: CSDE's Menu Planning Checklists for Lunch for Grades K-12 for School Year 2022-23 • Updated CSDE Resource: Crediting Breakfast Cereals for Grades K-12 in the NSLP and SBP (December 2022) • Updated CSDE Resources: Grain Ounce Equivalents for Grades K-12 in the NSLP and SBP, Grain Ounce Equivalents for the NSLP and SBP Preschool Meal Patterns, and Grains/Breads Servings for Grades K-12 in the ASP • Retirement of Team Nutrition Network • Resource Roundup: Monitoring the Order Status of USDA Foods • USDA Newsletters for Child Nutrition Programs • Team Nutrition's Whole Grains Web Quiz
12-07-2022	SLT Newsletter 12-07-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Verification and the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) 742 Verification Summary Report Due December 15, 2022 • New CSDE Parent Video: How to Fill Out the Application for Free and Reduced-price Meals or Free Milk • Resource Roundup: Start with Half a Cup Portion Guides for Fruits and Vegetables • Discover MyPlate: Nutrition Education for Kindergarten

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11-30-2022	SLT Newsletter 11-30-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMART Funds Next Steps • No Table Talk on Thursday, December 1, 2022 • Now Available for School Year 2022-23: CSDE's Menu Planning Guide for School Meals for Grades K-12 • USDA Webinar Recording Available: Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Best Practices for State Agencies and School Food Authorities • How to Sign Up for USDA Updates • Resource Roundup: CSDE's Resource Lists for the Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 and Preschool • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Training Opportunities Webpage • Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Issues Guidance on Food Allergen Labeling Requirements • Promote Physical Activity and Healthy Eating with New Move Your Way Resources • Webinar, January 26, 2023: Where Our School Milk Comes From: A conversation with a New England Dairy Farmer
11-23-2022	SLT Newsletter 11-23-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Roundup: Completing the Verification Collection Report (FNS 742): Due December 15, 2022 • USDA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Farm to School Grant Opportunity Informational Webinars
11-16-2022	SLT Newsletter 11-16-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Table Talk on Thursday, November 17, 2022 • Updated USDA Resource: Whole Grain Resource for The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs • Updated CSDE Crediting Resources for the Grains Component: Grades K-12 • New CSDE Resources for Calculating the Weekly Percentage of Whole Grain-rich Menu Items in NSLP and SBP Menus for Grades K-12 • Reminder: Limit for Noncreditable Grains Applies to Enriched Foods • Update on Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Benefits • Resource Roundup: Determining Foster Children's Eligibility for Free Meals or Milk in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program • Dairy Grant Opportunity for School Meals: Deadline December 16, 2022

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11-09-2022	SLT Newsletter 11-09-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Financial Report for School Nutrition Programs was Due October 31, 2022 • Reminder: Verification and the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) 742 Verification Summary Report • Administrative Review Training for School Year 2022-23: Getting Ready for Success: Preparing for the Child Nutrition Program Administrative Review: November 15-17, 2022 • Resource Roundup: On-site Monitoring Forms for the School Nutrition Programs • Webinar Recording Available: Back to School Success with Team Nutrition's Menu Planning Tools and Resources • November is Native American Heritage Month • Free Printed Materials for USDA Child Nutrition Programs
11-02-2022	SLT Newsletter 11-02-2022 Table Talk Webinar 11-03-2022 Table Talk Transcript 11-03-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice to Conclude School Meal Assistance Revenue Transition (SMART) Funds • Mandatory School Food Authority Survey on School Food Supply Chain Disruption and Student Participation • USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Update • Updates to the Food Buying Guide (FBG) for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based Tool and FBG Interactive Mobile App • Resource Roundup: Requirements for Field Trip Meals in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program
10-26-2022	SLT Newsletter 10-26-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Reminder: Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Survey Closing Friday. October 28, 2022 • Final Reminder: Food Safety Inspection Report for School Year 2021-22 Due October 31, 2022. • USDA 2023 Farm to School Grant Request for Applications: Due January 6, 2023 • Reminder: Resources for School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) Funds • USDA Foods Cheese Update • Connecticut Farm to School Procurement Survey • Resource Roundup: Requirements for Classroom Meals in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

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10-19-2022	SLT Newsletter 10-19-2022 Table Talk Webinar 10-20-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Vendor Survey • Reminder: Complying with Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Training Program • Second Round of CT Grown for CT Kids Grant Program: Due November 15, 2022 • CSDE Updates Presentation at School Nutrition Association of Connecticut (SNACT) Conference • List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages: Updated October 14, 2022 • Reminder: Table Talk Resumes on Thursday, October 20, 2022 • USDA Food Safety Resources • New USDA Tip Sheet: Crediting Milk in Child Nutrition Programs • Resource Roundup: Key Information for Connecticut Claims Preparers for School Nutrition Programs • FARE Webinar: The Six Stages of Food Allergy Parenting, October 24, 2022 • Ingredients for a Successful Taste-Test Event • Team Nutrition Resources for Schools
10-12-2022	SLT Newsletter 10-12-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Food Safety Inspection Report for School Year 2021-22 Due October 31, 2022. • Save the Date: Table Talk Resumes on Thursday, October 20, 2022 • Updated CSDE Offer versus Serve (OVS) Resources for School Year 2022-23 • October is National Farm to School Month • Reminder: School Nutrition Association of Connecticut (SNACT) Conference: Navigating Nutrition: From Choppy Seas to Smooth Sailing! October 14-15, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Required Edit Check Worksheets for Breakfast and Lunch • Four Ways to Nourish More Children through School Meals • Now Available: Local School Wellness Policy Refresh! Infographic • CDC Releases New Resource to Survey School Wellness Policies • How School Lunch Is Made and How You Can Help • Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Webinar: Proposed Changes to the Definition of “Healthy,” October 21, 2022

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10-05-2022	SLT Newsletter 10-05-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART Funds) Claiming for August and September 2022 • Verification Must Be Completed by November 15 • Revised Addendum C: Information on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) • Menu Planning Guide for Preschoolers in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program: School Year 2022-23 Version • Updated Production Record Forms for School Nutrition Programs for School Year 2022-23 • Fiscal Year 2023 CACFP and SFSP Area Eligibility Data Now Available • Official Release of the USDA Foods Database: Nutrition, Allergen, and Ingredient Information for USDA Foods in Schools • USDA Final Rule: Streamlining Program Requirements, and Improving Integrity in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) • USDA Correction: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium (Final Rule 87 FR 52329) • Distribution of Pandemic EBT Food Benefits • New Fruit Yield Data Added to the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-Based Tool • Resource Roundup: School Nutrition Programs User IDs and Passwords for Accessing Connecticut’s Online Application and Claiming System • Four Ways to Nourish More Children through School Meals • Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month: September 25 through October 15, 2022 • Free Milk Posters for Schools • Ending Hunger, Improving Nutrition and Physical Activity, and Reducing Diet-Related Diseases and Disparities • FDA Proposes to Update Definition for “Healthy” Claim on Food Labels • Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition (CICN) Webinar: Understanding Cultural Foodways in School Communities, October 6, 2022 • Team Nutrition Webinar: Meal Talk: Taste-Test Events: October 12, 2022 • FRAC Webinar: Serving Meals on Weekends and Holidays through the Afterschool Meal Program: October 13, 2022

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09-28-2022	SLT Newsletter 09-28-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Foods Diced Peach Cups Offering for November Delivery • CSDE's Survey for Reporting Supply Chain Issues Impacting Operations • School Nutrition Association of Connecticut (SNACT) Conference: Navigating Nutrition: From Choppy Seas to Smooth Sailing! October 14-15, 2022 • Update: USDA DoD Fresh Delivery • National School Lunch Week (NSLW) is October 10-14, 2022 • 2023 Advanced Placement® (AP) Testing and Sharing of a Student's Eligibility • CT Grown for CT Kids Week October 3-7, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Important Points for Completing Verification • Team Nutrition Schools and NSLW and free resources • Awareness Campaign for Public Service Loan Forgiveness
09-21-2022	SLT Newsletter 09-21-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Foods Limited Quantity of Frozen Beef Patties Available • Second Round of the CT Grown for CT Kids Grant is Now Open • Quick Poll About USDA Foods Offerings • CSDE Verification Webinar: September 23, 2022 • 2022-23 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant Announcement: Applications due October 3, 2022 • Reminder Regarding NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants Due September 30, 2022 • USDA Team Nutrition Webinar: Become a PSTTT Pro: A Review of the Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool (PSTTT) • Reminder: Meal Counting and Claiming for SY 2022-23 for SFAs Utilizing SMART Funds • Resource Roundup: Professional Standards and Tracking

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09-14-2022	SLT Newsletter 09-14-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory Training Session for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Sponsors Whose Applications are Not Approved: Thursday, September 15, 2022 • Important Reminder: Updating the School Year (SY) 2022-23 Sponsor Agreement for School Nutrition Programs • New CSDE Training Program: Complying with Healthy Food Certification (HFC) • CSDE Verification Webinar: September 23, 2022 • Distribution of Pandemic EBT Food Benefits to More Than 71,650 Schoolchildren • CT Grown for CT Kids Week October 3-7, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Calendar for Completing Verification • USDA Webinar: Supply Chain Assistance Best Practices, September 26, 2022 • Meal Talk: Taste-Test Events Webinar: October 12, 2022
09-07-2022	SLT Newsletter 09-07-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New CSDE Resource: School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) Funds Estimator • Transitioning to Standard Child Nutrition Operations in School Year (SY) 2022-2023 – USDA Webinar Recording and Questions and Answers • Updated CSDE Resources on Federal and State Requirements for Competitive Foods • USDA Foods Reminder on Refrigerated Cheeses • Reminder: USDA Foods Update on Inventory from School Year 2021-22 • School Nutrition Association of Connecticut (SNACT) Conference: Navigating Nutrition: From Choppy Seas to Smooth Sailing! October 14-15, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Considerations for Implementing Web-based Applications • September is National Food Safety Education Month • USDA Webinar Recording Available: Unpaid Meals: Best Practices to Ensure Student Access to Meals

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08-31-2022	SLT Newsletter 08-31-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important Reminder: Updating the School Year (SY) 2022-23 Sponsor Agreement for School Nutrition Programs • Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System): Claiming Module Open for Claiming • Updates for USDA Foods for School Year 2022-23 • Reminder: Keeping Track of USDA Foods Orders: Running Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) Reports • Important Reminder: Disaster Preparedness for School Food Service Professionals • Resource Roundup: Addendum A: Sharing Information with Other Programs • Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition (CICN) Webinar: Procurement Strategies for the 2022-2023 School Year: September 1, 2022
08-24-2022	SLT Newsletter 08-24-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required Training Reminder: Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program • CSDE Welcomes New Staff Member to the Child Nutrition Programs Unit • CSDE Child Nutrition Programs Staff Contact Information for School Year 2022-23 • Updated USDA Resource: A Guide to Smart Snacks in School • Resource Roundup: Updated and New Common Acronyms and Abbreviations for School Nutrition Programs • Head Back to School with MyPlate: Resources for Parents and Caregivers • USDA's School Nutrition Environment Web Quiz

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08-17-2022	SLT Newsletter 08-17-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New CSDE Training Program: Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program • Reminder: School Meals Assistance Revenue Transfer (SMART) Attestation Statement Due August 19, 2022 • Reminder: Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number Required for SMART Funds • New CSDE Resource: Determining Foster Children’s Eligibility for Free Meals or Milk in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program • USDA Foods Update on Inventory from School Year 2021-22 • USDA Foods Update on Cancellations of Sliced Deli Turkey and Tuna • Resource Roundup: Calendar of School Nutrition Program Requirements and Activities for School Year 2022-23 • New USDA Infographic: Local School Wellness Policy Refresh! • New Resource from No Kid Hungry: School Meals Applications Outreach Toolkit • No Kid Hungry Webinar: Strategies for Collecting Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications: Leveraging Outreach and Promotion, August 18, 2022 • Institute of Child Nutrition S.T.A.R. Webinar: Back-to-School: Best Practices and Tips to Prepare Healthy School Meals: Thursday, August 25, 2022 • USDA Webinar: Back to School Success with Team Nutrition’s Menu Planning Tools and Resources, August 31, 2022 • Register to Adopt a Cow: Deadline September 15, 2022 • Chill Out with Cold Milk Cooler Giveaway Deadline: September 30, 2022

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08-10-2022	SLT Newsletter 08-10-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar Recording Available for the School Meals Assistance Revenue Transfer (SMART) Funds Information Session on August 4 • Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number for SMART Funds • Operational Memorandum No. 15-22: Determining Eligibility for Severe Need Reimbursement for the School Breakfast Program and the Two-cent Differential Reimbursement for the National School Lunch Program in School Year 2022-23 • Operational Memorandum No. 16-22: Federal Meal Reimbursement Rates for School Year (SY): July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 • Direct Certification Rollover for SY 2022-23 • Resource Roundup: Free and Reduced-price Meal Documents and Forms for SY 2022-23 • USDA Webinar on August 24, 2022: Unpaid Meals: Best Practices to Ensure Student Access to Meals • Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
08-03-2022	SLT Newsletter 08-03-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) Funds • SMART Funds Information Session: Thursday, August 4, 2022 • CSDE Operational Memorandum No. 13-22: Carryover of a Student's Eligibility for School Year 2022-23 • USDA Foods Update on Remaining Inventory from School Year 2022 • New Resource: USDA Recipe Standardization Guide for School Nutrition Programs • CICN Webinar: Introducing the USDA Recipe Standardization Guide for School Nutrition Programs, Thursday, August 4, 2022 • Resource Roundup: USDA's Eligibility Manual for School Meals • Institute of Child Nutrition's (ICN) Back-to-School Toolbox • Team Nutrition Resources Available in Print for School Year 2022-23 • New Job Titles for the Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool (PSTTT) • Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) Webinar: Gearing Up for Back to School Year 2022–2023, August 11, 2022

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07-27-2022	SLT Newsletter 07-27-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update: Free and Reduced-price Eligibility Forms for School Year 2022-23 • Resource Roundup: CSDE Guide: Requirements for Financial Management of the School Nutrition Program • New USDA Tip Sheet on Crediting Meats/Meat Alternates in Child Nutrition Programs • Meal Talk: Local School Wellness Policies Webinar: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 • USDA Farm to School Program Announces Fiscal Year 2022 Farm to School Grant Awards
07-20-2022	SLT Newsletter 07-20-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) Handbook and Forms for School Year 2022-23 • New Food Buying Guide Yield Data for Whole Sorghum, Pearled Sorghum, and Sorghum Flour • Resource Roundup: USDA's Guide: Overcoming the Unpaid Meal Challenge: Proven Strategies from Our Nation's Schools • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Webinar on Thursday, July 28, 2022: Highlighting School Success in Meeting the Transitional Nutrition Standards • New Team Nutrition Education Materials: Fueling My Healthy Life Nutrition Education for 7th and 8th Grade Students • Updated Team Nutrition Brochures: Food Buying Guide and Professional Standards
07-13-2022	SLT Newsletter 07-13-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Waiver Flexibilities for Summer Meals 2022 • Area Eligibility Waiver Applications Now Being Accepted • New USDA Nationwide Waivers: Child Nutrition Flexibilities and Support for Summer 2022 • USDA DoD Fresh Program Over the Summer Update • USDA Foods Cut-up Chicken Cancellations • CT Grown for CT Kids Grants • Resource Roundup: Indirect Cost Guidance • U.S. COVID Atlas

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07-06-2022	SLT Newsletter 07-06-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised USDA Nondiscrimination Statement and “And Justice for All” Posters • USDA Webinar: Child Nutrition Flexibilities and Support for Summer 2022 and School Year (SY) 2022-23, Thursday, June 7, 2022 • Updated CSDE Civil Rights Complaint Procedure and PowerPoint Presentation • Updated CSDE Resource: Allowable Milk Substitutes for Children without Disabilities in School Nutrition Programs • Resource Roundup: Financial Management: A Course for School Nutrition Directors
06-29-2022	SLT Newsletter 06-29-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Session for Connecticut Sponsors of the Child Nutrition Programs: Thursday, June 30, 2022 • June 2022 Claim for Reimbursements • Updated CSDE Crediting Resources for the School Nutrition Programs: Product Documentation, Meal Pattern Components, and Noncreditable Foods • Authorized Signatures Change Form • Draft Department of Public Health Regulations to Implement the FDA Food Code • Resource Roundup: Revised USDA Guide: Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Retailer Locator

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06-22-2022	SLT Newsletter 06-22-2022 Table Talk Webinar 06-23-2022 Table Talk Transcript 06-23-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Reminder: First Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Triennial Assessment Due June 30, 2022 • Final Reminder: School Year 2022-23 Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement due July 1, 2022 • Final Reminder: Full-service Interschool Agreements for School Year 2022-23 due July 1, 2022 • School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) Funds • Updated Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) Meal Pattern for Grades K-12 for School Year 2022-23 • Updated Preschool Menu Planning Forms for School Year 2022-23 • Updated ASP Sample Menus for Grades K-12 and Preschoolers • Updated Comparison Charts: Meal Patterns for School Nutrition Programs • Summer Meals Training Materials 2022 • Reminder: Table Talk Tomorrow, Thursday, June 23, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Requirements for Financial Management of the School Nutrition Programs • New Food Buying Guide Mobile App Training Videos
06-15-2022	SLT Newsletter 06-15-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSDE Operational Memorandum No. 10-22: Annual Application Process for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Notification Due June 15, 2022 • CSDE Operational Memorandum No. 11-22: New Connecticut Statutory Requirements for Unpaid Meal Charges in Public Schools • USDA Foods Reminder to Receipt DoD Orders in FFAVORS • Updated NSLP and SBP Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 for School Year 2022-23 • Updated Preschool Meal Patterns for School Year 2022-23: NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) • New CSDE Webpage: Financial Management for School Nutrition Programs • New CSDE Guide: Requirements for Financial Management of the School Nutrition Programs • New CSDE Form and Instructions: Plan to Reduce Excess Operating Costs • Resource Roundup: Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Annual Notification of Local Educational Agencies • CSDE McKinney-Vento General Survey

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06-08-2022	SLT Newsletter 06-08-2022 Table Talk Webinar 06-09-2022 Table Talk Transcript 06-09-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: First Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Triennial Assessment Due June 30, 2022 • 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 • Nutrition Security in Action: A New Blog Series from USDA • Free USDA Nutrition Education Resources: Summer Food, Summer Moves
06-01-2022	SLT Newsletter 06-01-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Annual Summer Meals Training on Outreach, June 2, 2022 • Child Nutrition Database Release 25 • Updated USDA Resource: A Guide to Smart Snacks in School • Reminder: Next Table Talk is Thursday, June 9, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Buy American Justification Form • New USDA Resources: Tip Sheets on Crediting Fruits and Crediting Vegetables in Child Nutrition Programs
05-25-2022	SLT Newsletter 05-25-2022 Table Talk Webinar 05-26-2022 Table Talk Transcript 05-26-2022: Not available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Meals Training Materials and Remaining Trainings for June 2022 • Reminder: Table Talk Tomorrow, Thursday, May 26, 2022 • Resource Roundup: USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Capacity Builder • Resources to Celebrate MyPlate's Birthday

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05-18-2022	SLT Newsletter 05-18-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to Extend the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP) into the Summer Months (July and August): Due June 10, 2022 • Reminder: School Year 2022-23 Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement due July 1, 2022 • Reminder: Full-service Interschool Agreements for School Year 2022-23 due July 1, 2022 • Notifying CSDE about Unanticipated School Closures • Reminder: Allowable Beverages in Connecticut Public Schools • New CSDE Resource: Summary Chart: Federal and State Laws for Beverages in Connecticut Public Schools, Private Schools, and Residential Child Care Institutions • Resource Roundup: Allowable Beverages in Connecticut Public Schools • May is Food Allergy Awareness Month • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) S.T.A.R. Webinar, May 26, 2022: Strategies for Managing Food Allergies in Schools
05-11-2022	SLT Newsletter 05-11-2022 Table Talk Webinar 05-12-2022 Table Talk Transcript 05-12-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering Excess USDA Foods for May: Deadline May 13, 2022 • All Public Schools Must Complete 2022-23 Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement in the CSDE's Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System): Due July 1, 2022 • Update: Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds • Summary of USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Contract • Reminder: Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Triennial Assessment Workshop: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 • Reminder: Table Talk Tomorrow, Thursday, May 12, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Vegetable Subgroups in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

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05-04-2022	SLT Newsletter 05-04-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenth Annual School Lunch Hero Day: Friday, May 6, 2022 • Reminder: Annual Summer Meals Training on Local Foods, USDA Foods, and Food Safety, May 5, 2022 • USDA Foods Order Update for School Year 2022-23: Raisins • List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages: Updated April 25, 2022 • New CSDE Resource: Transitional Sodium Limits for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP): July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024 • New USDA Resource: The Nutrient Analysis Protocols: How to Analyze Menus for USDA's School Meals Programs • Resource Roundup: CSDE's Operational Memoranda for School Nutrition Programs webpage
04-27-2022	<p>No School Lunch Tray</p> <p>Table Talk Webinar 04-28-2022</p> <p>Table Talk Transcript 04-28-2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
04-20-2022	SLT Newsletter 04-20-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Memo SP 08-2022, CACFP 07-2022 and SFSP 03-2022: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022: Effect on Child Nutrition Programs • Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Triennial Assessment Workshops: Spring 2022 • Resource Roundup: Recording of CSDE's Information Session about Supply Chain Assistance Funds • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Webinar: Engaging Student Influencers for Product Selection, Menu Planning, and Program Promotion, May 5, 2022 • Public Input on the Next Dietary Guidelines for Americans: Comments Due May 16, 2022 • FDA Issues Draft Guidance on Evaluating the Public Health Importance of Food Allergens Other Than the Major Food Allergens: Comments Due August 17, 2022

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04-13-2022	SLT Newsletter 04-13-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering Excess USDA Foods for April: Deadline April 20, 2022 • Cancelled: Table Talk for April 14, 2022 • USDA Foods Update: Continue to Order from Allocations at HPC and Request to Donate Excess USDA Foods • New Vendor Update: USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program • Resource Roundup: CSDE's Laws and Regulations for Child Nutrition Programs webpage • Put Local on Your Tray 2022-23: Sign-up and Take the Local Pledge • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Webinar, Thursday, April 28, 2022: Get Ready to Respond: Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery
04-06-2022	SLT Newsletter 04-06-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Memorandum No. 07-22, Annual Notification Requirement for all Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP): Due April 8, 2022: Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) • Operational Memorandum No. 08-22: Supply Chain Assistance Funds • CSDE's Information session about Supply Chain Assistance Funds, April 8, 2022 • Now Available: CSDE's List of Area Eligible Schools and List of Site Eligible Schools • Reminder: Annual Summer Meals Training on Area Eligibility, April 7, 2022 • Reminder: USDA Foods Shredded White Cheddar Cheese, Material Code 100002 • Resource Roundup: Sign up for USDA Alerts from the Federal Register • 21 Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge: April 4-24, 2022

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03-30-2022	SLT Newsletter 03-30-2022 Table Talk Webinar 03-31-2022 Table Talk Transcript 03-31-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Memorandum No. 06-22: Payment of Fiscal Year 2021-22 State Funds for the National School Lunch Program • Additional Food Allergy Guidance and Resources Added to CSDE’s Guide Accommodating Special Diets in School Nutrition Programs • Reminder: New Vendor for USDA DoD Program • Reminder: Table Talk Tomorrow, Thursday, March 31, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Food Safety Plan • Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition (CICN) Webinar, April 7, 2022: Think Outside the Service Line with Grab-and-Go Menu Options for NSLP and SFSP • USDA Farm to School Program Releases Four Updated Fact Sheets • Farm to School Resources in Institution for Child Nutrition's (ICN) Child Nutrition Sharing Site (CNSS) Resource Hub
03-23-2022	SLT Newsletter 03-23-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSDE’s Survey for Reporting Use of the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Emergency Costs Reimbursement Program Funds: Deadline March 31, 2022 • Next Table Talk is Thursday, March 31, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Food Recalls • Institute of Child Nutrition’s (ICN) STAR Webinar for Thursday, March 31, 2022: Playback: Recognizing the Dedication and Strength of School Nutrition Heroes • USDA Webinar: Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in Community Meals Programs, April 6, 2022 • USDA Webinar: Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in School Meals Programs, April 11, 2022

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03-16-2022	SLT Newsletter 03-16-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary Vilsack’s Release of USDA Actions for Nutrition Security: Thursday, March 17, 2022 • Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Triennial Assessment Workshops: Spring 2022 • WBSCM Upgrade and Switch to Google Chrome • Revised CSDE Guide and Resources on Accommodating Special Diets in School Nutrition Programs (March 2022) • Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Sponsors Invited to Attend Annual Summer Meals Training Webinars • Review Data-Sharing Agreements with Food Service Providers • Resource Roundup: Put Local on Your Tray • Dietary Guidelines Professional and Consumer Resources Now Available in Spanish

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03-09-2022	SLT Newsletter 03-09-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Foods Ordering for School Year 2022-23 Closes Tomorrow: March 10, 2022 • USDA Foods Mozzarella String Cheese: Order Deadline is March 11, 2022 • Donations and Orders of Excess USDA Foods for March 2022: Deadline March 18, 2022 • Keeping Track of USDA Foods Orders: Running Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) Reports • New Vendor Information for USDA Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program • Congressional Flexibility Extended through March 11, 2022: Low-Fat (1%) Flavored Milk in the National School Lunch program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) and Ban on Purchase of Raw or Processed Poultry Products Imported from China • USDA Memo SP 04-2022 and CACFP 04-2022: Question and Answer Guidance on the Final Rule Child Nutrition Programs: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Effective July 1, 2022 • USDA Memo SP 05-2022: Meal Requirements Under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program: Questions and Answers for Program Operators Updated to Support the Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Effective July 1, 2022 • USDA Webinar Recordings Available: Transitional Standards for Milk, Sodium, and Whole Grains • Resource Roundup: It's More than a Meal Application • Today is Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) Day • New USDA Resource: Best Practices for Reducing Added Sugars at School Breakfast • Now Available: Team Nutrition Webinars Captioned in Spanish • Dairy Grant Opportunity for School Meals: Deadline March 31, 2022

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03-02-2022	SLT Newsletter 03-03-2022 Table Talk Webinar 03-03-2022 Table Talk Transcript 03-03-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) USDA Foods Offerings for School Year 2022-23 • USDA Foods Ordering Reminder: Deadline March 10, 2022 • Virtual Training Session: Ordering USDA Foods in the Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) System: Friday, March 4, 2022 • Updated Reimbursement Rates for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) • Table Talk Tomorrow: Thursday, March 3, 2022 • Resource Roundup: Schedule for Submitting Online Reimbursement Claim Data • FARE's Food Allergy Webinar Series: Food Allergy Fundamentals, Part I: The Basics, Wednesday, March 9, 2022 • New Team Nutrition School Gardening Web Quiz • Vermont Seasonal Cycle Menu Toolkit • Reminder: Application for FoodCorps AmeriCorps Service Members: Deadline March 31, 2022

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02-23-2022	SLT Newsletter 02-23-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Meal Pattern and Crediting Resources for the SFSP • New CSDE Resource: Crediting Summary Charts for the Summer Food Service Program • Updated Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS) Worksheets for Evaluating Foods for Compliance: School Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 • Data on Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Participation for School Year 2021-22 • Submitting Comments on the USDA’s Final Rule for Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium: Due March 24, 2022 • New USDA Resource: Maintaining Integrity in School Meals Served Outside the Cafeteria • Resource Roundup: Requirements for Procedural Safeguards for Meal Modifications in School Nutrition Programs • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) STAR Webinar: Strategies for Leading a Heart-Healthy Lifestyle, February 24, 2022 • USDA Webinar: Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in School Meals Programs, March 2, 2022 • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Webinar: Batch Cooking Success Stories for Quality and Efficiency, March 3, 2022 • Win a Refrigerated Milk Cooler: New England Dairy’s Chill Out with Cold Milk Temperature Survey Contest Deadline is March 15, 2022 • New England Dairy Webinar: Real Facts about Real Dairy in School Meals, March 16, 2022

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02-16-2022	SLT Newsletter 02-16-2022 Table Talk Webinar 02-17-2022 Table Talk Transcript 02-17-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions for Ordering USDA Foods for School Year 2022-23: Orders due March 10, 2022 • Operational Memorandum No. 04-22: Interschool Agreements for School Year 2022-23: Due July 1, 2022 (Full Service) or August 30, 2022 (Vended) • Operational Memorandum No. 05-22: Process for Submitting the HFC Statement for School Year 2022-23: Due July 1, 2022 • Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS) for School Year 2021-22 • Resource Roundup: Addendum C: Information on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) • New School Meals Training Opportunities from Team Nutrition: School Breakfast, March 9, 2022 • Now Available: USDA's Supply Chain Assistance for Schools Webinar Recording and USDA's Supply Chain Assistance Funding Opportunities for Schools Comparison Chart Handout • Updated Team Nutrition Resource: Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During Coronavirus (COVID-19): Best Practices for Parent Pick-Up of Meals and Snacks • March is National Nutrition Month and School Breakfast Week
02-09-2022	SLT Newsletter 02-09-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Foods DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Notify Connecticut FDP by Tuesday, February 15, 2022, if DoD Fresh Amount is Incorrect • USDA Foods Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Bonus Orders: Deadline February 15, 2022 • USDA Foods Catalog Opening Soon • USDA Foods Update: Bonus Pollack Frozen Fish Sticks • New Final Rule: Child Nutrition Programs: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium: Effective July 1, 2022 • Reminder: Beverage Requirements for Public Schools • Resource Roundup: CSDE's Forms for School Nutrition Programs Webpage • USDA Webinar: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 • New School Meals Training Opportunities from Team Nutrition: School Breakfast Wednesday, March 9, 2022 • Updated Team Nutrition Resource: Child Nutrition Program Meal Service During Coronavirus (COVID-19): Best Practices for Parent Pick-Up of Meals and Snacks

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02-02-2022	SLT Newsletter 02-02-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Foods Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Additional Items Available for School Year (SY) 2022-23: Due February 15, 2022 • 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 • Institute of Child Nutrition's (ICN) First Edition of Quarterly iBites Newsletter
01-26-2022	SLT Newsletter 01-26-2022 Table Talk Webinar 01-20-2022 Table Talk Transcript 02-20-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Onsite Monitoring Must be Completed by February 1, 2022 • School Wellness Policy Workshops February 1 and 16: How to Complete the WellSAT-I (Step 2) • Resource Roundup: How to Complete the Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Triennial Assessment • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Webinar, January 27, 2022: Highlighting Success Stories in Supply Chain Disruptions - Part 2 • New Feature Alert for USDA's Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG) Mobile App • Application for FoodCorps AmeriCorps Service Members: Deadline March 31, 2022
01-19-2022	SLT Newsletter 01-19-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Required Information for Use of USDA Nationwide Waivers by Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Sponsors: Due January 31, 2022 • USDA Foods Reminder: Foods Available List for School Year 2022-23 • USDA Foods Reminder: Refrigerated Cheese Items • Reminder: CSDE's Table Talk Resumes Tomorrow, Thursday, January 20, 2022 • Resource Roundup: CSDE's School Lunch Tray and Table Talk Webpage • Connecticut's USDA Food Show and Conference Goes Virtual: January 26-28, 2022 • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Training Sessions for February and March 2022

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01-12-2022	SLT Newsletter 01-12-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructions for Completing the “USDA Waivers” Section of Connecticut’s Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System): Seamless Summer Option of the National School Lunch Program • Change in Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reimbursement Rates for the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the National School Lunch Program • Reminder: CSDE’s Survey for Reporting Supply Chain Issues Impacting Operations • CSDE’s Table Talk Resumes on Thursday, January 20, 2022 • Resource Roundup: School Nutrition Foundation Funding for Schools • Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Webinar, January 13, 2022: Highlighting Success Stories in Supply Chain Disruptions - Part 1 • ICN Webinar, January 13, 2022: Kitchen Efficiency: Time-Saving Tips for Improving Workflow
01-05-2022	SLT Newsletter 01-05-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New School Lunch Tray Format • New CSDE Form: Documentation of Meal Service in the School Nutrition Programs during Unanticipated School Closures during School Year 2021-22 • Planning for Instructional Days for School Year (SY) 2021-22 • USDA Foods Update: Foods Available List for School Year 2022-23 • Resource Roundup: Authorized Signatures Change Form and Instructions • Strategies to Improve School Meal Consumption • New USDA Infographic: Stepping into the New Year with MyPlate

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