

The School Lunch Tray: June 2, 2021

Dear School Sponsors of Child Nutrition Programs:

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

- Reminder: School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessments due June 30, 2021
- Motivate Kids and Families with Team Nutrition's Summer Activities
- New England Dairy's Resources for National Dairy Month in June
- Reminder: Required Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Reporting Due June 15, 2021
- Resource Roundup: CSDE's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Data Collection Guidance for School-level Eligibility

Please review and share with appropriate staff members. Thank you.



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Reminder: School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessments due June 30, 2021

As a reminder, each local education agency (LEA) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) must complete the first assessment of their local school wellness policy (LSWP) by **June 30, 2021**. The LEA's assessment must indicate: the extent to which schools are in compliance with the district policy; the extent to which the local wellness policy compares to model local school wellness policies; and the progress made in attaining the goals of the local wellness policy.

If you need help completing your assessment, the UConn Rudd Center can:

- help you score your written wellness policy;
- help you identify the people you need to interview;
- help you with the process of connecting your policies with practices;
- help you identify what you need to include in the public-facing report you will post on your website; and
- provide feedback on your written report before you post it.

Please email Sarah.McKee@uconn.edu to set up an appointment.

Motivate Kids and Families with Team Nutrition's Summer Activities

Provide families with tips and tools for a healthy summer with these activity guides from Team Nutrition.

- Let's Celebrate Summer Meals [[English](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- Movin' with Summer Meals [[English](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- Summer Meals, Summer Friends [[English](#)] [[Spanish](#)]

Check out Team Nutrition's [Summer Food, Summer Moves webpage](#) for additional activity guides, posters, fliers, recipes, and more.

New England Dairy's Resources for National Dairy Month in June

Celebrate the end of the school year and start of summer with National Dairy Month this June. New England Dairy has lots of ideas and resources to keep you going through the month. Start with sharing the versatility of milk and the [nutrition](#) it provides with New England Dairy's [Maximize Your Milk handout](#). Free printed versions are available to share with parents. Blend in some new [smoothie recipe ideas](#) in time for National Smoothie Day on June 21, and build out your menus for summer with a mix up of [Dairy Breakfast and Lunch Bowl recipes](#). Visit NewEnglandDairy.com for more resources and ideas.

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Reminder: Required Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Reporting Due June 15, 2021

This is a friendly reminder that if you have not updated the CEP information in the CNP online system, the deadline date is **June 15, 2021**. For more information, refer to [CSDE Operational Memorandum No. 04-21](#), which outlines the steps for collecting timely, school-specific data to inform the development of the 2021-22 CEP eligibility lists. All NSLP and SBP sponsors (regardless of participation or intent to participate in the CEP) **must submit** school-level CEP eligibility data to the CSDE no later than **June 15, 2021**. This annual notification requirement does **not** apply to residential child care institutions (RCCIs) or sponsors of the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Resource Roundup: CSDE's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Data Collection Guidance for School-level Eligibility

This week's Resource Roundup highlights the CSDE's resource, [Community Eligibility Provision \(CEP\) Data Collection Guidance for School-level Eligibility](#), with a specific focus on guidance for the required CEP data entry categories.

Join us for tomorrow's Table Talk (June 3, 2021, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.) as we review the required CEP data elements. **Note:** Tomorrow's Table Talk will also highlight some relevant items from last week's School Lunch Tray (May 26, 2021).

If you registered for the May Table Talk webinars you will automatically be registered for the June Table Talk webinars. Registration for the June Table Talk series is available at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7940814127249762576>. To submit questions in advance, visit https://sdect.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ezIN3YJJqjkPGND.



For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [School Lunch Tray 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/Training/TableTalk/SLT_06_2_2021.pdf.

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