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MEMORANDUM

To: School Food Authorities

From: *Lindsey Palmer*

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State Agency Director

Date: January 4, 2016

Re: Disclosure Requirements of the Child Nutrition Program

State Agency Memo
NSLP #04-16

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) allows local educational agencies (LEAs) in high-poverty areas to offer school breakfast and lunch through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs to all students at no cost. CEP can provide numerous benefits to LEAs, including substantial administrative savings from the elimination of household applications for free and reduced price meals, streamlined meal service operations, higher student participation, and more opportunities for children to receive nutrition necessary to optimize academic achievement. CEP may be implemented in individual schools, groups of schools, or in entire school districts.

This memorandum provides updated guidance and Questions and Answers (Q&As) (attached) that address common questions that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has received during nationwide implementation. The attached Q&As supersede the Q&As previously released with SP 45-2015, SP 16-2015, and SP 21-2014 (v.2).

Highlights include:

- Clarifying when the identified student percentage (ISP) must be recalculated if a student population changes,
- Providing additional guidance related to grace year eligibility,
- Specifying that a statistically valid sample of ISP names may be reviewed during an administrative review, and
- Stipulating that eligibility for severe need and 2 cents differential reimbursement is based on an individual school's ISP multiplied by 1.6.

For convenience, the new and updated Q&As are provided in a separate attachment. In the document containing all Q&As (new and old), new and updated Q&As are noted with three asterisks (***) . New questions are 16 and 30. Updated questions are 31, 49, and 57.

All questions should be sent to your designated Program Specialist.