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USDA Issues Proposed Rule Updating School Meals Nutrition Standards. USDA has announced the proposed rule to update the nutrition standards for meals served through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. The new proposed meal requirements will raise standards for the first time in fifteen years and will help improve the health and nutrition of nearly 32 million kids that participate in school meal programs every school day. The proposed rule: **Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs** is posted at www.regulations.gov, and also at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What's New. Since this is a proposed rule, there is a 90-day comment period which ends April 13, 2011. A final rule will follow after the comment period.

USDA recognizes that the proposed changes may be as challenging as they are important. A dialogue with schools and communities about the new standards and practical strategies to reach them are critical steps in the process of making them a reality for our kids. School meals programs are a partnership between USDA, State agencies and local schools.

The Spring Leadership Connections meetings will highlight the proposed meal pattern, proposed sodium, calorie, saturated fat, and *trans* fat limits as well as proposed monitoring changes and provide an opportunity for discussion and comments. Leadership Connections dates and meeting locations will be posted on www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What's New in early March. Plan now to "Get on Board" with Child Nutrition Reauthorization and the new nutrition standards by attending a Leadership Connections meeting in your area! Child Nutrition & Wellness will be providing additional updates, policy information and guidance as it becomes available from USDA. Check "What's New" on www.kn-eat.org often!

Annual On-site Accountability Reviews. A sponsor with multiple serving sites must conduct an annual on-site accountability review of each serving site. All on-site reviews must be completed by February 1. The purpose of the on-site review is to ensure that the accountability system (as specified on the sponsor's approved collection and accountability procedures in KSDE's computer system, KN-CLAIM) is being used correctly. Someone who is not involved with the daily operation of the system must complete the review. The School Food Service On-Site Accountability Review (Form 9-G) should be used to document the findings of the on-site accountability review. Refer to *Food Service Facts*, Chapter 9, for further information and the review form. *Food Service Facts* can be accessed online at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Food Service Facts.

Kansas School Lunch Week. Visit the School Nutrition Association of Kansas (SNA-KS) website, www.sna-ks.org, for information on this year's celebration of Kansas School Lunch Week, Lunch Is My Favorite Subject, January 24-28, 2011.

Food Safety Training. The schedule for Spring Food Safety Basics classes is available at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Training, Food Safety Basics. Remember to update your Food Safety Training Record in KN-CLAIM (www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, KN-CLAIM, Applications, Food Safety Training) after your employees take a food safety class!

Food Safety Basics Available in Spanish. Food Safety Basics is now available in Spanish on a CD/DVD which can be checked out from Child Nutrition & Wellness. For more information, please contact Cindy Johnson, Training Coordinator at 785-296-2276 or cljohnson@ksde.org.

ESPH Video News. The fourth and fifth editions of the ESPH Video News have been posted at www.eatsmartplayhard.org. Schools featured are: USD 259 Wichita, USD 453 Leavenworth and USD 204 Bonner Springs.

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program. USDA issued a revised handbook for the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program on December 30, 2011. It is available at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What's New.

Two Food Safety Inspections Required. Federal law requires school kitchens to have **two** food safety inspections annually. If you have a school that has not had the required two inspections by April 15, please request a food safety inspection by contacting: Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Food Safety and Lodging, 109 SW 9th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66612, 785-296-3556. A sample letter to request an inspection can be found at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Food Safety, Food Safety Inspection Request.

Child Nutrition Management Academy (CNMA) 2011. Planning is underway for CNMA 2011. Classes will be held at 6 locations in June 2011. This professional development program is designed specifically for directors, managers and supervisors. We will also offer a track of Regional Training Cooperative classes concurrent with CNMA for all school food service staff to attend. Save the dates and make it a staff training event! The full-class schedule and online registration will be available in early April.

- June 7-10: Hays, Iola, Topeka
- June 14-17: Haysville, Dodge City, Kansas City

Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools. With the goal to provide at least 6,000 salad bars to schools in the next three years, a new public-private partnership has launched Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools, a grassroots public health initiative working in support of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative. All schools and/or districts that meet the bronze level of the USDA Healthier US School Challenge are eligible for a salad bar donation. All other schools in districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program may apply for a salad bar donation. Interested schools can begin the process by completing an online application at www.saladbars2schools.org.

Time to Break out that Trench Coat and Spy Glass! National School Breakfast Week is March 7-11, 2011. The "School Breakfast Detectives" campaign allows students to "clue into" the importance of school breakfast and will demonstrate how eating school breakfast sets you up for a busy day at school! This private-eye themed campaign has a design contest and a number of nutrition puzzles so kids can become school breakfast detectives for themselves. For more information, go to www.schoolnutrition.org/nsbw.

Congratulations to Fowler Grade School for receiving the Healthier US School Challenge (HUSSC) Silver Award! That brings the total number of HUSSC awards earned in Kansas to 7! All schools in Kansas are encouraged to apply for the HUSSC. For more information or to schedule assistance, contact Kelly Chanay, kchanay@ksde.org.

Eligibility of Expanded Learning Time Programs for Afterschool Snack Service in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). A school operating at least one hour longer than the traditional school day may be eligible for afterschool snack reimbursement through the NSLP. The afterschool program must have an educational or enrichment purpose. For more information call 785-296-2276.

Summer Food Service Program 2011. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is designed to fill that nutrition gap and make sure children can get the nutritious meals they need. Many SFSP sites provide, not just meals, but educational, enrichment and recreational activities that help children continue to learn and stay safe when school is not in session. Summer meals act as an extra “magnet” to draw children to activities—and activities draw children to meals—at places like schools, camps, park and recreation centers, YMCAs, Head Start Centers, Community Action Agencies, Boys and Girls Clubs...and many more. Do you want to help end hunger this summer? **Become a SFSP Sponsor!** Call Peggy McAdoo or Barb Depew at 785-296-2276 for more information!

Summer Food Service Program Outreach Tools Available. KSDE has several tools to offer to encourage participation in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What’s New to order yard signs, nutrition coloring books, crayons, and foodscape static clings that will be delivered to you at SFSP training in April. Order forms must be completed and returned to KSDE by March 30, 2011.