Reply to
Attn. of: SFSP-402

Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Questions and Answers

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS -
(Child Nutrition Programs)

Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas
Missouri DH, Montana OPI,
Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
South Dakota, and Utah

Attached are questions and answers that have been received from State Agencies since our memorandum, SFSP-389, dated July 14, 1999.

Please contact my staff at (303) 844-0359 if you need further clarification.

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Attachment
1. Q. A small town has organized its schools into K-2 at one building, grades 3-5 at a second building, and grades 6-9 at a third building. Only the K-2 school is 50 percent eligible. Can this be an open site for the town?

A. No. Areas in which poor economic conditions exist means the local area from which an open site and restricted open site draw their attendance. In this case, the area from which the attendance is drawn includes students from all the schools listed ABOVE. Therefore, the enrollment from the schools representing the area from which attendance will be drawn needs to be collected along with the number of students approved for free and reduced price meals. The numbers need to be totaled to determine the percentage.

2. Q. Section 225.15(e) states that "Each sponsor shall annually announce in the media serving the area from which it draws its attendance the availability of free meals." A State Agency (SA) wants to provide the media release for all sponsors. The SA has contacts with the media throughout the entire State. Is this allowable?

A. Yes. We do not believe it was the intention of the regulations that only sponsors could issue the media release. The SA must be sure it includes all items and references of SFSP-171 question 13.

3. Q. Can the income of temporary census workers be excluded from consideration as income under the SFSP?

A. No. There is no statutory or regulatory authority to authorize such an exclusion.