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Dear School-Based Child Nutrition Program Site:

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Nutrition Programs Division has some exciting information to share with sites that participate in the School-Based Child Nutrition Programs. Enclosed in this packet are two items: School Year 2011-2012 School Based Child Nutrition Programs Calendar and a document outlining New Programs Requirements as a result of the *Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010*.

School Year 2011–2012 School-Based Child Nutrition Programs Calendar

This calendar highlights the requirements of the programs with the corresponding due dates. Please post in an area where all that work with the programs will have access to this important information. Thank you to the schools that contributed artwork to this year's calendar!

New Program Requirements!

The *Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010*, Public Law 111-296, was signed into law on December 13, 2010. This Act modifies some requirements as well as makes improvements to the operations of the School-based Child Nutrition Programs. We have developed a document summarizing the provisions of the Act and provided links to guidance that has thus far been issued at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/hunger_free.htm.

All institutions are encouraged to review each of these mandates, review your current procedures, train staff on the changes, and revise all necessary written procedures. As information becomes available to our agency, we will notify you of any updates to this document.

In addition, please note the following important announcements.

School-Based Child Nutrition Programs Workshops

The Nutrition Programs Divisions is happy to announce the following upcoming workshops in addition to online training modules and webinars. All ISBE workshops are offered free of charge.

Certification and Verification Workshops – This in-depth half-day training covers the certification and verification of Household Eligibility Applications, as well as the mandatory electronic direct certification process.

- July 26, 2011 – Marion at the Williamson County Pavilion
- July 27, 2011 – Bloomington at the Doubletree Hotel
- August 10, 2011 – Schaumburg at the Courtyard Marriott
- August 11, 2011 – Kankakee at the Hilton Garden Inn

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at <http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnsalendar/asp/EventList.asp>. Attendance at trainings is highly recommended for new sponsors or new staff but all program sponsors are welcome.

Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Sponsor and Site Application

The annual application process for schools to participate in any School-based Child Nutrition Programs for fiscal year 2012 will be completed online. Please check our website (<http://www.isbe.net/nutrition> - *What's*

New) and/or watch for an email notice notifying you that the Sponsor and Site Applications are available online. Sponsor and site application(s) are to be completed by September 15, 2011.

Household Eligibility Application Materials

The Household Eligibility Application forms and materials for school year 2011–2012 will be available online at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/household_eligibility.htm no later than June 1, 2011. Local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to utilize the current school years household applications and forms. LEAs should send out the Household Eligibility Application no earlier than four calendar weeks prior to the time students start school. Household Eligibility Applications cannot be sent home at the end of the school year for next year nor can the LEAs begin accepting and processing Household Eligibility Applications before the beginning of the federally defined school year, which is July 1.

Public Announcement

Federal regulations require LEAs to submit a public announcement of the federal School-Based Child Nutrition Programs to the local news media. ISBE will submit a statewide public announcement on behalf of all participating School-Based Child Nutrition Programs sponsors for school year 2011–2012. LEAs may still submit public announcements to local employment offices and major employers contemplating large layoffs in the attendance area of the school.

HealthierUS School Challenge

Apply for the HealthierUS Schools Challenge (HUSCC) this school year! Have your schools successes in promoting healthier food, nutrition, and physical activity recognized nationally by the USDA. Find more information including the application, requirements, and incentive awards online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/healthierus/index.html>.

***The Outlook* Newsletter**

The Outlook newsletter provides information for anyone that works with school-based child nutrition programs. You may view and print *The Outlook* newsletters at www.isbe.net/nutrition, click on *Newsletters*.

Illinois Nutrition Education and Training Programs (IL NET)

Illinois Nutrition Education & Training Program is a not-for-profit program supported by the Illinois State Board of Education. Its mission is to help Illinois schools create learning environments that promote and support children's health and learning. IL NET provides FREE nutrition education training, assistance and resources to Illinois child care and school staff. To learn more about IL Net, visit their website at www.KidsEatWell.org.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Selected Schools

Congratulations to the recipients of the FY2012 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grant! A complete list including a map of the selected schools available online at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/ffv_program.htm.



If you have any questions, please contact the School-Based Child Nutrition Programs staff via email at cnp@isbe.net or via phone at (800) 545-7892. Thank you for your continued support of the school-based Child Nutrition Programs and we look forward to working with you during the 2011–2012 school year.

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Enclosures