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Annual Eligibility Data Released

The FY2016 (October 2015) Free and Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility Data for National School Lunch Program has been posted at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/eligibility_listings.htm.

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Reminder: Illinois Meal Service Requirements

All public schools in Illinois are required to provide free lunches (and breakfasts if a school operates a breakfast program) to all students eligible for free meals. State reimbursement to offset a portion of the cost of the meal is available if a site serves a reimbursable meal to a student eligible for a free meal and the site is enrolled in the Illinois Free Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Federal reimbursement in addition to state reimbursement is available if the school enrolls in the National School Lunch Program (and if applicable, the School Breakfast Program).

There are however two additional meal service requirements we want to bring to your attention that may impact your public school building(s) this summer and/or next school year as was noted in the November and January Outlook newsletters:

- School breakfast must be offered if a school had 40% or more free and reduced-price eligible students in the previous school year.
- Summer breakfast and/or lunch must be offered if a school had 50% or more free and reduced-price eligible students in the previous school year AND the school will operate a summer school program.

To determine if your school(s) must operate these additional meal services, please visit http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/pdf/schools_mandated_operate_sbp.pdf.

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Paid Lunch Pricing for School Year (SY) 2016-2017

As a National School Lunch Program (NSLP) sponsor, it's time to start thinking about what your schools will charge for paid lunches in school year 2016-2017. Under the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) requirement, NSLP sponsors are to ensure sufficient funds are provided to the nonprofit school food service account for meals served to students not eligible for free or reduced price meals. There are three ways to meet this requirement:

- 1) increase prices charged for paid lunches,
- 2) contribute non-federal funds to the non-profit food service account, or
- 3) combination of increasing paid lunch prices and contributing non-federal funds.

SFAs must annually review their paid lunch revenue to assure compliance with the paid lunch equity requirement. When the average paid lunch price is less than the difference between the free and paid federal reimbursement rates, the SFA must determine how they will meet the requirement (by increasing their average paid lunch price, or providing funds from non-Federal sources). Therefore, **for SY 2016-2017, SFAs which on average charged less than \$2.78 for paid lunches in SY 2015-2016 are required to complete the PLE Calculator to determine their new paid lunch price and/or amount to contribute.** The SY2016-17 PLE Calculator along with USDA guidance is available at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/nslp_hhfka_implementation.htm.

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ISBE Webinar: *Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)*

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will be hosting a webinar on **February 18, 2016 from 2:00pm-3:00pm** on the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). This live webinar will be an overview of what CEP is, including information on:

- What the qualifications are for CEP
- How you can determine if CEP would be beneficial to your school
- How CEP impacts other programs in your school district and
- There will be a Q&A session where we can answer all of your CEP questions.

If you are unfamiliar with what CEP is, it is an alternative to household eligibility applications for free and reduced price meals in high poverty Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) (or districts) and schools. In CEP schools all student receive breakfast and lunch at no cost and the school utilizes an approved claiming percentage for receiving reimbursement for those meals. This approved claiming percentage is good for four years.

CEP has been implemented successfully in Illinois schools for five years and we currently have over 1300 schools that participate in CEP. To see a listing of currently participating schools and more information about CEP click [here to access the CEP webpage](#).



If you would like to learn more about what CEP is or are familiar with CEP but want a quick refresher please join us for this overview webinar. Registration is available at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/46466832926124290>. If you are unable to attend the live webinar, it will be recorded and posted on the CEP website for viewing at your convenience. CEP can impact other areas of your school including Title I distribution, E-Rate, fee waivers, etc. and therefore we recommend inviting administrators, business administration staff, school meals staff, etc.

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ISBE Trainings:

School Nutrition Programs Food Safety Plans and Requirements

Beginning on July 1, 2016 the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is requiring all school food service staff to receive food handler training. This workshop will meet the requirements set by IDPH. Attendees that pass the required assessment will be certified for 3 years. First 2 hours of workshop.

- March 18th - Biggsville – 10:00 am (registration 9:45 am)
- March 23rd – Crestwood – 8:30 am (registration 8:15 am)
- March 28th – Carterville – 12:30 pm (registration 12:15 pm)
- May 10th – Lombard – 9:00 am (registration at 8:30 am)

HACCP/School Food Safety Plan Requirements

This workshop will assist schools in the NSLP and/or SBP programs meet the requirement of having a HACCP based food safety plan in place.

March 29th – Carterville – 9:00 am (registration at 8:30 am)

Additional dates will be posted at registration link as they are confirmed. Space is limited. Please **register** at <http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/> (under Child Nutrition Program Workshops).

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Bonus Beef

Illinois has bonus beef at 2 processors! There are 210,000 pounds at JTM and 200,000 pounds at Advance Pierre (AP). These pounds are available on a first come, first served basis. When the pounds are gone, they are gone.

You do not need USDA Foods entitlement to request pounds nor will you have to have processed in the past. These pounds are free and will not count against your USDA Foods entitlement.

You must, however, follow these instructions:

1. You must be a participant in the National School Lunch Program.
2. Request the pounds directly from the manufacturer/broker (see contact information below). DO NOT place an order on ICS for these bonus pounds.
3. When requesting pounds, provide your school district name, agreement # and number of pounds requested.
4. Do not request more pounds than you can use through the 2016-2017 school year (6/30/17). Unreasonable requests will not be granted.
5. Verify that you can get AP and JTM beef end products from your distributor. Do not request pounds if your distributor doesn't stock AP or JTM beef end products. Lanter is NOT a food distributor. Common examples of food distributors are PFG-Fox River Foods, Gordon Food Service (GFS), SYSCO, Kohl Wholesale, US Foods, MJ Kellner, etc...
6. If your request is granted and you receive any of this bonus beef, consider that when placing your SY17 annual order in ICS. In other words, make sure any bonus beef you receive is accounted for when placing your annual order using entitlement.

Once again, when this bonus beef is gone, it's gone; and if you still want beef at these processors, you will have to make a diversion to processor in ICS during the annual order period, using SY17 USDA Foods entitlement. Please remember, the annual order period is January 20 – March 6. The last day to place a processing diversion, for any processor, will be March 6, 2016.

To request bonus beef pounds, provide the requested information and send an email to:

AdvancePierre – Brad Vonck BVonck@kisales.com

JTM – Barb Hines bhines@coregroupsales.com

For all other questions, email Jim Copp jcopp@isbe.net

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USDA Webinar: *The Challenges of Unpaid Meals - Proven Strategies from Our Nation's Schools*

Description: Many schools across the country are affected by the issue of unpaid meal charges and must strike a balance between the importance of providing children with nutritious food and maintaining the financial viability of their school meal program. USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will host an interactive webinar on **Thursday, February 4 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM**, providing the opportunity for State agency staff, food service directors, principals, and others to participate in an engaging discussion about local-level strategies to address the unpaid meal challenge.

Target Audience: State Agency Staff, School Administrators, School Food Service Staff

To View the Webinar:

- Please watch online, register at: <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=8nwyb3wz6isk>
- To dial in, call 303-248-0285 and use access code: 7205000

Topics Covered: FNS invites participants to share successful strategies for:

- Ensuring students maintain positive account balances
- Finding alternative funding sources for unpaid meal charges
- Providing alternate meals
- Preventing stigmatization of children with insufficient funds
- Getting buy-in from stakeholders on local policies for addressing unpaid meals

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IPHI Training: *Pump Up P.E. for Physical Educators*

The Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI) is offering a series of FREE, one-day trainings for physical educators. Professional Development hours are available.

Physical educators who attend this one-day training, will learn about:

- Recent revisions to State Learning Standards (SLS) on Physical Development & Health including a thorough review of the SLS and recent P.E. developments in Illinois
- Benefits of Enhanced P.E. for students' health and academic achievement

Physical educators will leave the training with practical, immediately applicable strategies, tools & resources to:

- Increase MVPA using modified games and classroom management procedures
- Use backwards design to align curriculum with State Learning Standards
- Administer the fitness tests that will be required in IL starting in the 2016-17 academic year
- Understand what to do with fitness data – keys to meaningful implementation
- Teach the brain/body connection – getting students to 'own' their fitness
- Champion P.E. and wellness efforts in their schools, districts and communities

For dates, locations, and registration for Cook County, go to:

http://iphionline.org/register_Cook_Co_PE_Trainings_1/

For dates, locations, and registration for collar counties, go to:

http://iphionline.org/register_pump_up_pe_collar_counties



These trainings are being made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Healthy HotSpot initiative led by the Cook County Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Questions? Contact Sarah Chusid at (312) 850-4744 or Sarah.Chusid@iphionline.org.

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Farm to Cafeteria Conference

The 8th annual national farm to cafeteria conference will be held June 2-4 in Madison, Wisconsin. The conference is hosted by the National Farm to School Network and provides a wide variety of opportunities to learn, network and collaborate. They have scheduled local field trips, short course trainings, skill building workshops, lightning talks and a view into Madison's local food culture. For more information about this conference visit their webpage at: farmtocafeteriaconference.org. If you are interested in attending this conference, there is also an opportunity for a scholarship. The scholarship application deadline is February 29, 2016 at 5pm EST, to learn more about this scholarship, click [here](#).



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U Of I Extension Webinars: 2016 School Wellness

University of Illinois Extension Illinois Nutrition Education Programs (INEP) is back with its free webinar series for the Spring! From **January to May, the 1st Wednesday of every month from 3:00-3:30 pm**, join us for reliable & practical information about exciting & relevant school wellness topics:

February 3:

USDA Smarter Lunchrooms: Optimizing Your Lunchroom to Promote (& Sell!) Health

March 9:

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant: Everything You Need to Know!

April 6:

Backpack Nutrition Programs: How to Get Started for Success

May 4:

USDA Team Nutrition 101: Navigating & Using Materials Like an Expert!

Participants will understand the benefits of each topic, learn how they can support their school, and what resources are available to help them. Each webinar includes live Q&A and can be accessed using the internet or phone. Plus, this webinar counts toward your Professional Development Standards! To register, please visit http://go.illinois.edu/inep_spr2016.

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School Breakfast Grants - Deadline approaching SOON - apply today!

No child should be hungry in an Illinois classroom. Funding Breakfast After the Bell (BATB) in combination with the new Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is the best way to accomplish this goal. By combining these programs, many children struggling with hunger at home can eat a dignified breakfast and lunch for free every day. At the same time, schools will have an opportunity to simplify administrative systems and increase school meal revenue. A true win-win.

No Kid Hungry Illinois launched in 2012 based on a recommendation of the Illinois Commission to End Hunger and are modeled after successful efforts in other states. The next No Kid Hungry Illinois Breakfast Grant deadline is **February 12**. Grants are available for up to \$5,000 each and will support schools with the purchase of approved equipment, materials and initiatives facilitating [alternative breakfast models](#) such as Breakfast in the Classroom or Grab N Go Breakfast. To apply, visit grants.nokidhungry.org. The application is easy and we can help along the way! You will need to create an account - when prompted, enter the access code: ILBREAKFAST2016.

Eating breakfast at school has been proven to reduce tardiness, absenteeism and visits to the nurse, while improving test scores. Unfortunately, less than half of eligible Illinois students currently have access to school breakfast. As a state, Illinois ranks 40th in the nation in the ratio of school lunch participants who also eat breakfast. Together, CEP and BATB are direct steps toward ending hunger and ensuring that all children start the day with the nutrition they need to reach their full potential.

For more information, contact Suzy Lee at slee@gcfd.org.

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Become a Team Nutrition School in 2016!

Join the network of schools working towards healthier school nutrition and physical activity environments.

Signing up to be a Team Nutrition School is free and easy using our online form. All schools participating in the National School Lunch Program can sign up!

- **Sign Up**
- **Search the Team Nutrition Schools Database**
- **Search for Your School to Update the Information**

Why should your school sign up?

- Show your commitment to helping students make healthier food choices and be more physically active.
- Collaborate with other Team Nutrition Schools.
- Be among the first to hear about new Team Nutrition materials.
- Receive special nutrition education and promotion materials—like this School Breakfast Sticker ☐
- Apply for a **HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms** award.
- Have the opportunity for your Team Nutrition activities to be highlighted. See our **Team Nutrition Popular Events Idea Booklet** and [@Team Nutrition](#) for examples.

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- 1-29 Submit annual USDA Foods order through ICS (last day to order and/or make diversion to processor is March 6, 2016)
- 2 Webinar: Smarter Lunchrooms: Optimizing Your Lunchroom to Promote (& Sell!) Health (hosted by U of I Extension Office) – 3:00-3:30 pm
http://go.illinois.edu/inep_spr2016.
- 4 Webinar: The Challenges of Unpaid Meals - Proven Strategies from Our Nation's Schools (hosted by USDA) – 1:00-2:30 pm
<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=8nwyb3wz6isk>
- 6 Training: Pump Up PE for Suburban Cook County Educators (hosted by IL Public Health Institute)
http://iphionline.org/register_Cook_Co_PE_Trainings_1/
- 10 ISBE Board Meeting – v-tel - <http://www.isbe.net/board/default.htm>
- 10 Begin submitting last month's child nutrition claims for reimbursement in WINS through IWAS. ALL child nutrition program claims (original and revised) must be received by ISBE no later than 60 days from the last day of the month you are claiming. Due dates for reimbursement claims are listed at http://www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/nutrition_claim_due_dates.pdf
- 12 ISBE Offices Closed – Lincoln's Birthday
- 12 School Breakfast Grant application deadline - <http://grants.nokidhungry.org/>
- 15 ISBE Offices Closed – Presidents' Day
- 13-20 Make changes to next month's USDA Foods order
- 18 Webinar: Community Eligibility Program (CEP) – 2:00-3:00 pm
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/46466832926124290>



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- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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