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BULLETIN NO. 020-19 CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents

School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School District Food Service Directors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Application Packet School Year 2019-20

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The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Child Nutrition Services (CNS), is pleased to release the 2019 Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP) application materials. **Applications are due April 30, 2019.**

The FFVP provides an effective and creative way of introducing fresh produce as a healthy snack option during the school day. Funds are awarded to the highest free and reduced-price (FRP) percentage elementary schools. For general information about the program, visit the FFVP webpage. Funding is available October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Schools must meet both of these requirements to be eligible to apply:

- 1. 50% or more of the students enrolled in the school must be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
 - <u>The Free and Reduced-Price Meals Eligibility Report</u> is used to determine each school's FRP percentage.
- 2. The school must meet the definition of 'elementary' school, which is:
 - Pre-kindergarten/Kindergarten (Pre-K/K) through grade five.
 - A variation of Pre-K/K through grade five.
 - Pre-K/K through grade eight.

LEAs with a food service management company (FSMC) contract must ensure the FFVP was included in the initial Request for Proposal or current contract. If not, it may be necessary to rebid the contract. For questions, please contact Jeff Booth, Audit & Financial Manager, at 360-725–6217 or ieff.booth@k12.wa.us.

In the past years the F/R percentage cut off has not been below 70% however, all schools that meet the above criteria are invited to apply.

Award announcements will be announced by June 30, 2019. Required training and program detail will be included with award announcements. An in-person training for FFVP will be held August 12, 2019 and a webinar will be scheduled at a later date. Sign up for CNS updates for the most current information.

Materials and instructions for completing the application materials are available to <u>download</u> on the FFVP Application webpage.

To apply for the FFVP, applications must be submitted to OSPI by April 30, 2019. Late or incomplete packets may not be considered.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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This bulletin is also available on OSPI's website at:

http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2019.aspx

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Attachment 1—Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Application Information

The LEA/Sponsor hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-6) and all requirements imposed by the regulations of the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 15), The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), Department of Justice (28 CFR Parts 42 & 50), the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et. seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age of Discrimination Act of 1975 (45 CFR Part 91), the Americans with Disabilities Act (28 CFR Part 35, Title II, Subtitle A), and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) directives or regulations issued pursuant to that act and the regulations to the effect that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance from the department; and HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.