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Subject: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
To: State Agencies
Child Nutrition Programs
All States
Regional Directors

This is to make you aware of a provision in the Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriation Act.

Effective for the school year beginning July 1, 2008, the Act provides \$9.9 million to expand the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to those States that were not previously authorized to participate on a permanent basis and not part of the FY 2006 Appropriation. These funds will allow for Program expansion to all States not currently authorized and to the District of Columbia.

States not currently participating in the program are advised to begin the selection process of 25 schools. When selecting schools, States must comply with Section 18(g)(3) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)). Section 18(g)(3) of the National School Lunch Act is attached and can also be found at:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/Historical/NSLA-Nov-10-2005.pdf>

It is important to note that legislation currently being discussed by Congress could have some additional effect on the future scope of the FFVP, but it will not affect the \$9.9 million from Appropriations.

For now, we wish to make sure that you are aware that funding is available for SY 2008-2009 and that it is advisable to begin the school selection process as soon as possible. We will schedule conference calls shortly to provide additional information and answer questions.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

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Enclosure