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SUBJECT: Verification Non-Response Rates for Large School Districts (SP-22)

TO: Special Nutrition Programs  
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State Agencies  
Child Nutrition Programs  
All States

On November 19, 2004, Reauthorization Memo SP-9 provided information on the new verification requirements in the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act, including the alternate verification sample sizes available to local educational agencies (LEA's) meeting certain conditions. We also provided a compilation of all memoranda on verification requirements issued since summer 2004 on August 30, 2005.

Attached is a list of LEA's which potentially will have more than 20,000 children approved for free or reduced-price meals by application as of October 1 of the school year. These LEA's are eligible for the alternate sample sizes in SY 2006-2007 if they improve their verification non-response rates by 10 percent this year (SY 2005-2006).

As a reminder, the law also contains a provision which permits large LEA's to qualify for alternate sample sizes this year only (SY 2005-2006) if they attempt to "directly verify" all approved applications selected for verification through the use of public agency records from at least two of the following programs: food stamps; the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations; a State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program; and the State Medicaid program.

For this year and future years, all LEA's will be able to qualify for alternate sample sizes if their non-response rate from the preceding year is less than 20 percent. All LEA's should be aware of this provision.

We are asking you to notify the large LEA's on the attached list of the special options available to them as soon as possible.

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Attachment

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**SFAS WITH MORE THAN 20,000 ELIGIBLE BY APPLICATION IN SY 2004/2005**

STATE AGENCY	SFA NAME
AL DOE	Mobile County
CA DOE	San Bernardino Unified SD
CA DOE	Riverside Unified SD
CA DOE	Moreno Valley USD
CA DOE	Santa Ana Unified SD
CA DOE	Garden Grove Unified School District
CA DOE	Anaheim Union High School District
CA DOE	Los Angeles Unified School District Food Services Branch
CA DOE	Long Beach Unified School District
CA DOE	San Diego City USD
CO DOE	Denver #1
DC SEO	DC Public Schools
FL DOE	Lee CSB
FL DOE	Dade CSB
FL DOE	Pinellas CSB
FL DOE	Polk CSB
FL DOE	Hillsborough District Schools
FL DOE	Duval CSB
FL DOE	Broward CSB
FL DOE	Palm Beach CSB
FL DOE	Pasco County
FL DOE	Orange CSB
FL DOE	Osceola CSB
GA DOE	Clayton County
GA DOE	DeKalb County
GA DOE	Fulton County
GA DOE	Gwinnett County
GA DOE	Cobb County
GA DOE	Atlanta City
IL SBE	Archdiocese Of Chicago
IL SBE	City Of Chicago School District 299
KY DOE	Jefferson County BOE
LA DOE	Caddo Parish School Board
LA DOE	East Baton Rouge Parish School System
LA DOE	Jefferson Parish Public School System
LA DOE	New Orleans Public Schools
MD DOE	Baltimore City Public Schools
MD DOE	Baltimore County Public Schools
MD DOE	Montgomery County
MD DOE	Prince Georges County
MI DOE	Detroit Public Schools
NY DOE	New York City Public Schools
NV DOE	Clark County School District

MA DOE	Boston
OH DOE	Columbus City SD - 043802
OK DOE	Tulsa Public Schools
OK DOE	Oklahoma City Public School
TX DA	Fort Worth ISD
TX DA	Ysleta ISD
TX DA	United ISD
TX DA	Socorro ISD
TX DA	Pasadena ISD
TX DA	Northside ISD
TX DA	Irving ISD
TX DA	Houston ISD
TX DA	El Paso ISD
TX DA	Aldine ISD
TX DA	Alief ISD
TX DA	Arlington ISD
TX DA	Austin ISD
TX DA	Corpus Christi ISD
TX DA	Dallas ISD
UT SOE	Granite School District
VA DOE	Fairfax County Public Schools
WI DPI	Milwaukee Public School District

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