



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Potential 2015 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors

FROM: John Frassinelli, Chief
Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education

DATE: March 12, 2015

SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #01-15 - SFSP
Interest Survey for 2015 Summer Food Service Program



In order to plan for implementation of the SFSP in 2015, the State Department of Education Child Nutrition Unit is requesting that all sponsors who participated in the SFSP in the previous year and any prospective organizations, indicate their interest in becoming a program sponsor.

In the summer of 2014, the SFSP had notable changes from the previous summer. The following data show the number of meals served and the number of children who participated in all types of summer feeding programs including traditional SFSP, the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and summer school.

Average Daily Participation:	43,647	[13 percent increase from 2014]
Total Number Meals Served:	1,921,674	[10 percent increase in 2014]
Total Number Sites Served:	600	[6 percent increase from 2014]

The Connecticut State Department of Education hopes that more increases will occur in 2015. As you plan for the SFSP in 2015, consider how you can expand so that additional needy children can be fed. Examples include beginning the SFSP soon after the summer vacation begins, continuing later into the summer, opening more sites and increasing outreach efforts to children. Remember, ***Hunger Does Not Take a Summer Vacation!***

School sponsors are eligible to participate in the SSO of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Under the SSO, school districts are offered streamlined administrative procedures through reduced paperwork. If a school sponsor is interested in changing from participating in the Traditional SFSP to the SSO for 2015, complete the “School Sponsor Only” section on the “Planning Data” form.

The enclosed “Planning Data” form is requested of **ALL** 2015 SFSP sponsors.

Please complete the following information and return by March 31, 2015:

1. Review the enclosed 2014 site list and document the necessary changes for 2015.
 - A. For sites that will continue operating in 2015, indicate planned dates of operation.
 - B. If sites will be deleted in 2015, indicate by placing a line through the site information.

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- C. If new sites will be added in 2015, complete the “Proposed New Site” section of the “Planning Data” form and return with the site listing.
2. **All sponsors must complete the “Planning Data” section of the enclosed form, sign, date and return. Please note that this form must be completed and returned even if there are no changes from 2014.**

Your response will signify your interest in sponsoring summer meals in 2015, either under the Traditional SFSP or the SSO regulations. It is therefore important that your reply is submitted by the **March 31, 2015**, deadline. Additional information will be forwarded to the contact person listed in the “Planning Data” section.

If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Cooke at 860-807-2144 or caroline.cooke@ct.gov.

JF:csc

Enclosures: (2)

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

*** PLANNING DATA ***

SPONSOR NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **DATE:** _____

Signature of Person Reviewing the Enclosed Records: _____

*** PROPOSED NEW SITES ***

Site (Name & Address)	Describe the Geographical Boundaries	Planned Dates of Operation	Estimated Daily Attendance
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

*** SCHOOL SPONSORS ONLY ***

Name of School District: _____ is interested in participating under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Food Program in 2015.

Name of Contact Person: _____

(Phone Number): _____