

**Michigan Department of Education:
News and Notes from School Nutrition Training and Programs**

Here is an update of what's happening:

Summer Food Service Program

Application approval deadline is May 1, 2008. For information, go to:
www.michigan.gov/sfsp.

Eligibility Manual for School Meals

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has published a revised *Eligibility Manual for School Meals* at:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/notices/iegs/EligibilityManual.pdf>.

Food Law – Updates

There have been updates made to the Michigan Food Law of 2000. For complete information, go to the Michigan Department of Agriculture website at:
www.michigan.gov/mda, click on Food Safety in the right hand column.

Training Workshops – Hold the Date!!

Michigan Department of Education will host training workshops on August 26, 27, and 28, 2008, in Lansing. Workshops will cover new information for school foodservice professionals. Additional information will be available in May.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

The FFVP grant is not available for SY 2008-09. The 25 current FFVP schools will continue with the grant for another year.

E-Learning Courses

Eight online training courses are available on Michigan Learnport. For information about how to register for the courses, go to: www.michigan.gov/mde. Click on Offices, then click on Grants Coordination and School Support. Under What's New?, click on School Nutrition E-Learning Courses.

Child Nutrition Application Program (CNAP) for School Meals Program

CNAP will be available in early June. There will be a new URL for CNAP. So update your favorites on your web browser. The new URL is: <http://mdoe.state.mi.us/cnap>. CNAP will be due by Friday, August 22, 2008.

HealthierUS School Challenge

Interested in having your school receive certification as a Gold, Silver, or Bronze HealthierUS School? Go to the Team Nutrition website for instructions about applying: <http://teamnutrition.usda.gov/HealthierUS/index.html>. A HealthierUS School Challenge Webcast is available for viewing at: <http://www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu/presentations.html>.

Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value – USDA memo

Irrespective of the nutrient content, diet pop is a carbonated beverage under the USDA definition of Food of Minimal Nutritional Value. Refer to: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/menu/fmnv.htm>.

Accommodating Special Dietary Needs in the School Nutrition Programs – USDA Food and Nutrition Service Conference, July 8 & 9, 2008, Chicago

Limited space is available at this conference. There is no charge for the conference registration; attendees are responsible for all their expenses. If interested in attending, please email Linda Stull stulll@michigan.gov no later than May 15, 2008 for registration information.