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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

**FROM:** Mike Flanagan 

**SUBJECT:** At-Risk After School Snack/Supper Program

Today's students face difficult challenges on their path to educational success. Poor diet, lack of opportunities for movement, dysfunctional home situations, too much television, drugs, sexual behaviors, and stress are obstacles our students must overcome to achieve academic excellence.

Research has demonstrated the positive relationship between good nutrition and academic achievement. The Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) offers an At-Risk After School Snack/Supper program that can improve the quality of nutrition for eligible students. The CACFP provides a cash reimbursement for snacks and suppers served to children while in an after school program. Reimbursement is for school age children who are 18 years of age or under at the beginning of the school year.

Many students go home to an empty cupboard and absent parents. Their food needs are great but the resources are minimal or non-existent. The CACFP At-Risk After School Snack/Supper program could be a stop-gap measure. What child wouldn't want something to eat immediately after the school day? Students who participate in the CACFP At-Risk After School Snack/Supper program receive healthy snacks and/or balanced suppers.

To be eligible to participate in the CACFP At-Risk After School Snack/Supper program, a school building must meet the following criteria:

- Have at least 50% of its enrollment eligible for free and reduced-price meals;
- Meet all state and local health and safety standards, if exempted from licensing;
- Provide educational or enrichment activities in an organized, structured, and supervised environment.

If you are interested, we invite you to contact the CACFP staff at (517) 373-7391 for further information. If you would prefer to preview a sample CACFP application, go to [www.michigan.gov/meis](http://www.michigan.gov/meis). Scroll down to Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) and click on the Child Nutrition Application Program (CNAP). To login, use *systems* and use *samplesa* as the password. The sample application is in "read only" format.

We look forward to partnering with you to help your children succeed.

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