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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents,
Public School Academy Administrators, Selected Nonpublic School
Administrators, and Residential Child Care Institutions

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Application Available

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that the application for the 2012-2013 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant is now available.

The FFVP is funded under the authority of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, also known as the Farm Bill, (P.L. 110-234). The FFVP operates through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Under the FFVP, selected schools receive reimbursement for the cost of making fresh fruits and fresh vegetables available to students for free throughout the school day. All selected schools that participate in the FFVP are required to widely publicize within the school the availability of free fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the FFVP is 10.582.

Eligible Applicants

School districts that have elementary schools with a high proportion of free and reduced price student enrollment are encouraged to apply for this grant. Only elementary schools having 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free and reduced price meals may apply for the grant. Individual grant awards to schools will be based on student enrollment, with funding estimated to range between \$50 and \$75 per student. **The application deadline is Friday, May 25, 2012.**

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School Selection Criteria

Criteria for selection includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Only elementary schools may participate in the program.
- Selected schools must operate the NSLP.
- Each school district must submit an application for each eligible school's participation.
- Each selected school must have 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free and reduced price meals.
- Community Eligibility Option (CEO) schools will qualify using its free claiming percentage to qualify.

Award selections will be based on the percent of students certified for free and reduced price meal benefits. MDE can choose not to select a high need school if the:

- School fails to meet the deadline for application completion.
- School does not have the support of its administration.
- MDE has concerns with the school's administration of another child nutrition program.
- MDE believes that a school cannot properly operate the FFVP, based on the district's previous grant administration history.

Additionally, MDE reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this announcement.

Application Information

All applicants must submit an application using the Michigan Electronic Grants Plus System (MEGS+):

- Complete your application online using MEGS+ at <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/megsplus>. Note: only a MEGS+ Level 5 or Child Nutrition Application Program (CNAP) Level 3 Authorized Official may initiate the 2012-2013 FFVP grant application in MEGS+.
- To find out who your MEGS+ Level 5 or CNAP Level 3 Authorized Official is, please ask your district office or call 517-373-1806.

All grant information will be available at the following link:

www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition

- Look under *Program Information, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program*.

Questions regarding the content of this memo may be directed to the Office of School Support Services, School Nutrition Programs unit, by email to MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov or phone 517-373-3347.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance