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Yes, I know it's Thursday, but I took a couple of days off so it SEEMS to me like Tuesday. Enough with the excuses – here is some news:

- 1) Community Eligibility Option (CEO) - The application date has now passed, and it looks like we will end up with over 70 districts participating, comprising nearly 200,000 students that will now be able to get a free breakfast and lunch everyday. Our first "anecdotal" story has absenteeism way down, at least partially due to CEO. For those schools that qualified for CEO, we will be having a conference call next week to explain some of the details of CEO and to answer questions.
- 2) Local Wellness Policies (LWP) - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released the new *School Health Guidelines to Promote Healthy Eating and Physical Activity*. This resource contains nine guidelines to help schools develop, implement, and evaluate healthy eating and physical activity policies. Each guideline contains implementation strategies to help schools meet the recommendations. To access the guidelines, click on the following link: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/npao/strategies.htm>. This resource is highlighted in the FNS Policy Memo SP 42-2011: Local Wellness Policies at http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy%E2%80%90Memos/2011/SP42%E2%80%902011_os.pdf. Use this information as you work towards implementing the new LWP requirements.
- 3) School Meals Program Requirements Training - The Michigan Department of Education will be presenting the School Meals Program Requirements Training at the School Nutrition Association of Michigan conference on Thursday and Friday, November 10-11. If you are new to school food service, interested in a refresher course, or want to be brought up to date on the latest changes in our business, I STRONGLY encourage your participation. Our presentation is free, takes a day and a half, and, in general, even school food service veterans learn something new. It also provides an opportunity to network with your colleagues. To register, contact SNAM at www.michigansna.org or go directly to the registration form - <http://www.michigansna.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/2011-Annual-Conference-Registration-Form.pdf>.

Have a great rest of the week!!

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