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SUBJECT: Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Certification of Compliance with New Meal Patterns - Certification Tools, Specifications, and Prototype Attestation Statement

TO: Regional Directors  
Special Nutrition Programs  
All Regions

State Directors  
Child Nutrition Programs  
All States

Attached for your use and information are materials to support the certification process set forth in the interim rule, *Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010*. These materials include:

- The FNS-developed Certification Tools, each of which includes a Menu Worksheet Module and a Simplified Nutrient Assessment Module:
  - Lunch Certification Worksheet, Grades K-5
  - Lunch Certification Worksheet, Grades 6-8
  - Lunch Certification Worksheet, Grades 9-12
  - Lunch Certification Worksheet, Grades K-8
  - Breakfast Certification Worksheet, Grades K-5
  - Breakfast Certification Worksheet, Grades 6-8
  - Breakfast Certification Worksheet, Grades 9-12
  - Breakfast Certification Worksheet, Grades K-12
- Certification Tool Specifications, including Meal Pattern Requirement Specifications, and Simplified Nutrient Assessment Specifications
- A prototype Attestation Statement for submission by school food authorities as part of the certification process.

Although the Certification Tool is a prototype that is not required to be used by State agencies for certification, any non-FNS tools used for certification must be pre-approved by FNS to ensure that all required elements are captured and compliance requirements are measured consistently with the FNS prototype. This includes State-developed tools as

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well as tools developed by private software companies. The attached Certification Tool Specifications will assist with the development of non-FNS tools, if desired.

Any questions concerning these materials should be addressed to the appropriate FNS Regional Office. Regional Offices with questions should contact the Child Nutrition Division.

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Attachments