THE HEALTHIERUS SCHOOL CHALLENGE

By implementing the *Michigan Nutrition Standards* in meals and other venues, schools will also satisfy the food service component of the HealthierUS School Challenge Award (HUSSC). In February 2010, First Lady Michelle Obama introduced **Let's Move!**, incorporating the HealthierUS School Challenge into her campaign to raise a healthier generation of kids. At that time, monetary **incentive awards** became available for each HUSSC award level: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Gold Award of Distinction. The HUSSC is open to all schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

The HUSSC provides voluntary national recognition to schools that have created a healthier school environment. The healthier school environment includes school meals, competitive foods, wellness policies, physical education, and nutrition education.

Submitting an application is easy with USDA's downloadable and interactive application. If you have questions, contact MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov.

HUSSC Application Materials—apply online or by US mail

DOWNLOAD THE HUSSC APPLICATION KIT:

- What's It All About?
- Criteria and Checklist
- Whole Grains Resource
- Guidance on Dark Green/Orange Vegetables & Dry Beans and Peas
- Increasing Participation/Healthy Fundraising/Fact Sheets for Healthier School Meals
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Success Stories
- How HUSSC is linked to Fuel Up to Play 60
- Additional Resources
- Sample Applications: Bronze/Silver
- Sample Applications: Gold/Gold of Distinction

Check out who has already been awarded as a HealthierUS School

TIPS FROM HUSCC AWARD WINNERS:

- Getting Started
- Creating Healthier Menus
- Energizing Students
- Engaging the Community
- Funding the Changes

OVERVIEW AND TIPS FROM USDA'S MICHIGAN HUSSC PRESENTATION:

- USDA's HUSSC Presentation May 2010—part 1
- USDA's HUSSC Presentation May 2010—part 2
- USDA's HUSSC Presentation May 2010—part 3

For links to the underlined resources,go to the on-line toolkit at www.michigan.gov/nutritionstandards