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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: 2014-2015 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Application Available

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that the application for the 2014-2015 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant is now available.

The FFVP is funded under the authority of the Agricultural Act of 2014, also known as the Farm Bill (P.L. 113-79). The FFVP operates through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Under the FFVP, selected schools receive reimbursement for the cost of making fresh fruit and vegetables available to students for free during the school day. All selected schools that participate in 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 (any combination of grades K-8) with a high proportion of free and reduced price student enrollment are encouraged to apply for this grant. Only the 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 the student enrollment, with funding to range between \$50 and \$75 per student (based on October 2013 NSLP participation numbers). The application deadline is Thursday, May 29, 2014.

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School Selection Criteria

Schools must meet the following criteria to be considered for selection:

- Each school district must submit an application that includes information required for each eligible school's participation via the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+).
- Must be elementary schools (any combination of grades K-8).
- Must have participated in NSLP since at least the 2013-2014 school year (October 2013 claim data is required).
- Must have 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free and reduced price meals.
- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP, formerly CEO) schools will qualify using their free claiming percentages, as determined by the most recent direct certification data.

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:

- School fails to meet the deadline for application completion (May 29th).
- 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 MEGS+:

- Complete the 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 2014-2015 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.
- For schools that have not previously applied for the FFVP Grant, Linda Stull must first be informed (stulll@michigan.gov or 517-241-3884) in order to make the application available in MEGS+.

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Grant decisions are expected mid-June 2014. All grant information is available electronically via one of two methods:

- Direct link: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-43092_50144-200565--,00.html
- Go to www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition
 - Look under *Program Information* and select "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 e-mail to mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov or telephone 517-373-3347.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance