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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent 

SUBJECT: 2009-10 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant Selection Criteria for Potentially Eligible Schools

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, also known as the 2008 Farm Bill, amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) by adding Section 19, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Under Section 19 of the NSLA, the FFVP became a nationwide program.

Agencies 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.* To view eligibility percentages of each building, please refer to the 2008-2009 school meals report at: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/oct01\\_14648\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/oct01_14648_7.pdf) or you can obtain this information from your October 2008 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) claim for reimbursement. Individual grant awards to schools will be based on student enrollment, with funding estimated to range between \$50 and \$75 per student.

The 2009-10 FFVP Grant will be submitted using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS). A grant announcement and additional instructions will be available at a later date. Questions regarding the content of this memo may be directed to the Grants Coordination and School Support, School Nutrition Training and Programs unit at 517-373-3347.

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