

October 2018

Agreement Number: **OPAA**

TO: Authorized Representative, Child Nutrition Programs

FROM: Josh Winters, Director – Food Distribution, DESE – FNS

SUBJECT: Estimated Entitlement for USDA Foods during SY 2018-2019

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Food & Nutrition Services (FNS), *estimates* each Local Education Agency's (LEAs) USDA Foods entitlement for the upcoming school year. The *estimated* entitlement is calculated by multiplying the most current Total Lunches Served (TLS) and the USDA per meal rate published in the Federal Register.

DESE – FNS has calculated **13,310,794** TLS for **OPAA ALL DISTRICTS** during School Year (SY) 2017-2018. The TLS reflects the total monthly submitted claims during the SY 2017-2018. The current per meal rate published in the Federal Register on July 27, 2018, for is **\$0.2350** per reimbursable lunch. This is an increase of ¼ of a cent. Under Section 6(e) (1) of the [National School Lunch Act](#), the Secretary of USDA must ensure 12% of assistance for the National School Lunch Program assistance is in the form of USDA Foods. In order to meet the 12% provision for SY 2019, USDA has increased entitlement amounts by \$0.1075 per meal for an effective per meal rate of **\$0.3425**.

Therefore, **OPAA ALL DISTRICTS** has an *estimated* entitlement of **\$4,558,947.00** (TLS x \$0.3425) for SY 2019.

USDA Foods will be accessible to Missouri LEAs on the annual USDA Foods Packet using the following methods:

- a. Non-Processed USDA Brown Box items (*entitlement cost only*)
- b. Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (*entitlement cost only*)
- c. Fee-For-Service Processed Items (*entitlement cost plus processing cost*)
- d. Net-Off-Invoice Processed Items (*commercial price minus entitlement value*)

Nine monthly deliveries will be made to each LEA beginning in August through April.

The Annual USDA Foods Packet is filled out annually by each LEA and is due back to DESE – FNS in February to determine the items to be received during the next school year. This Annual USDA Foods Packet is the only time DESE – FNS will survey for USDA Food requests. Be sure to complete and submit this USDA Foods Packet each year if you would like to receive USDA Foods.

If you have any questions, please contact the DESE – FNS office at 573-751-2646 or [donatedfoods@dese.mo.gov](mailto:donatedfoods@dese.mo.gov).

