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**To:** Authorized Representative, National School Lunch Program  
**From:** Dana Doerhoff, Director, Food and Nutrition Services Section  
**Subject:** Feeding Children During in the Summer Months

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that wish to participate in the meal programs during summer school have three options:

1. Regular National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP) – administered by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).
2. Seamless Summer Option (SSO) – administered by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, or
3. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) – administered by Department of Health and Senior Services

LEAs choosing regular NSLP/SBP will not be required to complete a new LEA Application. The current LEA Application is approved through June 30, 2016, and includes both regular and summer meals. Should summer school continue past June 30, a new LEA application must be completed and will continue through the school year 2016-2017. All meals claimed in the regular school year and summer school will be claimed on one claim form each month.

LEAs choosing Seamless Summer Option (SSO) are required to complete a Seamless Summer Building Application, via the web. LEAs with buildings that are currently approved for a waiver and wish to participate in SSO will also need to complete the Seamless Summer Building Application, via the web. To complete the application, log on the DESE Web Applications System at <http://dese.mo.gov/financial-admin-services/food-nutrition-services>. The Seamless Summer Application can be found in the Application Packet under the Building Applications section. LEAs participating in SSO will need to complete a separate claim form for meals served during summer school.

Additionally, if summer school extends into July, even for only one day, a July claim must be completed for either regular NSLP/SBP or SSO. Meals served in July may not be reported on the June or August claim.

Attached is a SFSP vs. SSO comparison chart. A prototype flyer for advertising and an On-Site Review form for SSO sites are also included for those LEAs that qualify and are interested in pursuing the Seamless Summer Option. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Edition of Questions and Answers for the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option is available on the Food and Nutrition Services Website at <http://dese.mo.gov/financial-admin-services/food-nutrition-services>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself at [dana.doerhoff@dese.mo.gov](mailto:dana.doerhoff@dese.mo.gov) or at 573-751-1972 or Samantha Taggart at [samantha.taggart@dese.mo.gov](mailto:samantha.taggart@dese.mo.gov) or 573-751-7472.