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FROM: DESE School Food Services

Thank you to those non-public LEAs which expressed concerns about the new direct certification process utilizing the Missouri Student Information System (MOSIS). After much discussion and reflection about those concerns, the zip code file currently used by the non-public LEAs and RCCIs (with day students) will be not be changed.

Non-public LEAs and RCCIs (with day students) will continue to use only the current process (zip code file). A new process will not be implemented.

Conducting the direct certification process in July, October and January each school year is still mandatory. The direct certification list will be updated each month and we strongly encouraged accessing the list every month to ensure Missouri children receive the benefit of free meals as quickly as possible after they become eligible.

The grant applications for additional funds submitted by non-public LEAs or RCCIs in February will not be reviewed. Additional funds will not be available since a new system will not be implemented.

Additionally, the webinars schedule to implement the new process are canceled. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joanna Hosier at Joanna.Hosier@dese.mo.gov (573) 751-7664 or myself, Karen Wooton at Karen.Wooton@dese.mo.gov (573)-751-2954.

Sincerely,

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