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From: School Food Services Section

The New Food Based Menu Planning for breakfast will be implemented gradually beginning with SY 2013-14. For SY 2012-13 you may continue to use your current menu planning option or change to one of the menu planning options currently in use for breakfast. The menu options currently in place for breakfast are 1) Nutrient Standard Menu Planning, 2) Traditional Food Based Menu Planning or 3) Enhanced Food Based Menu Planning. We strongly encourage selecting one of the current options and changing to the New Food Based Menu Planning for SY 2013-14. There will be additional guidance provided regarding breakfast requirements before the SY 2013-14 implementation date.

If an LEA desires to implement the New Food Based Menu Planning option for breakfast for SY 2012-13, State Agency approval is needed before your web Application Packet will be approved. In the next few weeks a form will be available to complete for early implementation and approval of the new meal pattern for breakfast for SY 2012-13. LEAs have the option to select "New Food Based Menu Planning" as a menu planning option in the Building Application in the Application Packet. If your web Application Packet has been submitted and "New Food Based Menu Planning" was selected for breakfast, your Application Packet will be returned without approval. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience, but please give careful consideration to the menu option selected for breakfast. If you do plan to move forward with the New Food Based Menu Planning option you must receive prior approval.

As a reminder for SY 2012-13 the only menu planning option allowed for lunch (grades K – 12) is the New Food Based Menu Planning option. Please select "New Food Based Menu Planning" as the menu planning option when completing the Building Application in the Application Packet. For Pre-K students the Traditional Food Based Menu Planning should be selected.

If any questions, please contact our office at 573-751-7564 or schoolfoods@dese.mo.gov.