



Missouri Department of
Health and Senior Services



April 27, 2011

Dear Superintendent:

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296, establishes requirements for conducting outreach to households on the availability of Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals. The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance on the implementation of the provision that requires schools to conduct outreach on the availability of the SFSP before the end of the school year.

Section 112 of the Act amends section 13(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761(a)) to require that the State agency that administers the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), to the maximum extent practicable, ensures that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) cooperate with SFSP service institutions to inform eligible families of the availability and location of free meals for students when the regular school year ends.

Acceptable activities may include developing or disseminating printed or electronic materials to families of school children prior to the end of the school year, which provide information on the availability and location of SFSP meals. An LEA can distribute information to households such as the location of nearby SFSP meal sites, times of service, and SFSP service institution contact information. LEAs may distribute the information through means normally used to communicate with the households of enrolled children. The SFSP is administered by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The resources below are available on the DHSS website to help LEAs notify families of SFSP sites where meals will be available during the summer months.

- The SFSP Outreach Toolkit for Sponsors and Feeding Sites includes fliers, letters to parents, and other materials that may help schools raise program awareness among students and their families.
<http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/nutrition/foodprograms/sfsp/publications.php>
- An interactive map showing all SFSP sites in Missouri is available to help families locate local SFSP sites. http://gis.dhss.mo.gov/Website/AGS_summerFood/summerFood.html

If you have questions, please contact the Summer Food Service Program at 888-435-1464.

Sincerely,

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Margaret T. Donnelly, Director
Department of Health & Senior Services

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris L. Nicastro". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Chris L. Nicastro, Commissioner
Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education