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TO: Child Nutrition Program Operators

FROM: Rose Tricario, Director
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SUBJECT: School Programs Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service has provided funds to state agencies administering the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program to provide local operators of those programs with additional reimbursements for emergency operating costs they incurred during the public health emergency.

This reimbursement program is meant to provide additional funding to qualifying Child Nutrition Program operators whose revenues decreased or were interrupted during the early days of the public health emergency. The reimbursements are intended to address funding shortfalls, and ensure that program operators are in the best position to rebuild and continue to serve their communities.

The amount of funding provided to each program operator was determined using a statutory formula. These funds may reimburse any local source of funds that were used to supplement the Nonprofit Food Service account during the pandemic. Remaining funds must be deposited in the Nonprofit Food Service account and be used in accordance with normal program requirements.

The one-time payment for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program was issued during the week of September 7, 2021 and was coded as "EM Schools." New Jersey Office of Management and Budget provides vendors and other State payees access to the Vendor Payment Inquiry (VPI) website. Enrollment in VPI is available to any vendor or subrecipient doing business with the State and provides users with the ability to obtain detailed payment information for all disbursements processed through the New Jersey Comprehensive Financial System (NJCFIS). https://www-tyomb.state.nj.us/TYM_VPI/home

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