

MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-026

- TO:School District SuperintendentsElementary School Principals
- FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer
- DATE: February 16, 2016

SUBJECT: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Applications

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE DUE MARCH 31

Grant applications for the USDA's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program are now available online to all elementary school food service directors. Priority is given to schools which have 50% or higher free and reducedprice lunch eligibility. Applications are due March 31, 2016.

To qualify for an award, food service directors must obtain signatures from individual elementary principals and their district superintendent, agreeing to support this program. Teachers must also agree to allow for classroom time to serve fresh fruits and vegetables, and incorporate nutrition education into their curriculum.

This program grants children access to fresh fruits and vegetables that they might not receive at home. It is intended to teach healthy snacking habits, as the fruit and vegetables are served outside of normal meal times.

Superintendents should support and encourage all of their staff to cooperate in applying for and operating this program.

Users with login credentials can find the application here: <u>https://portals.</u> edu.wyoming.gov/cnp/

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