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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2009 - 023

**TO:** School District Superintendents/Elementary School Principals

**FROM:** Roxann Greenlee, Child Nutrition Program Consultant  
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**DATE:** February 13, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Applications

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### INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

The USDA Child Nutrition Programs has made the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program funding permanent and available to all elementary schools with priority given to schools which have 50% or higher free and reduced lunch eligibility. Applications are being sent to food service directors and the deadline for the application is March 31, 2009.

For an award to be made to a school, food service staff must obtain signatures from the individual elementary school principals and from the district superintendent agreeing to support this program. There must also be cooperation on the part of the teachers to possibly allow for classroom time to serve fresh fruits and vegetable and incorporate nutrition education into their curriculum.

This program is targeted at:

- Schools with a 50% or higher free and reduced price lunch eligibility
- Intended to expose children to fresh fruits and vegetables they might not receive at home
- Receive these items outside of regular meal service times
- *There is also an opportunity for schools with a 49% or lower free and reduced price eligibility to receive funding.*

We would highly encourage superintendents to support and encourage all of their staff to cooperate in applying for and operating this most inventive new program.

For more information on this program contact Roxann Greenlee at 307-777-6398 or email at [rgreen@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:rgreen@educ.state.wy.us).