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TO: School District Superintendents
Elementary School Principals

FROM: Roxann Greenlee, Nutrition Program Consultant

DATE: February 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Applications

INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

The USDA has again made the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program available to all elementary schools, with priority given to schools which have 50 percent or higher free and reduced lunch eligibility. Applications are being sent to food service directors and the deadline for the application is **March 29, 2013**.

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 allow for possible classroom time to serve fresh fruits and vegetables as well as incorporating nutrition education into curriculum.

The program highlights are:

- Targeting elementary schools with a 50 percent or higher free and reduced price lunch eligibility
- Exposing children to fresh fruits and vegetables they might not receive at home
- Teaching healthy snacking habits
- Serving a snack outside of regular meal service times
- Providing opportunities for schools with a 49 percent or lower free and reduced price eligibility to receive funding

The Wyoming Department of Education strongly encourages superintendents to support and encourage their staff to cooperate in applying for and operating this cost incentive program.

For more information on this program, contact Roxann Greenlee at 307-857-9269 or email at roxann.greenlee@wyo.gov.

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