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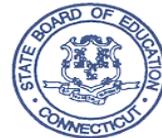## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

FROM: John Frassinelli, Chief
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DATE: June 26, 2014

SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum #41-14**
Child Nutrition Database Release 18

The Child Nutrition Database Release 18 (CN18) was made available at the Healthy Meals Resource System Web site on March 26, 2014. Computer software companies with software approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Nutrient Analysis are required to update their software with CN18.

The CN Database is an integral part of the nutrient analysis software approved by the USDA and the USDA expects software companies with USDA-approved software to incorporate CN18 into their products and to make the new version of the software available to current users no later than July 1, 2014. Anyone who does not receive an update with the current CN Database by July 1, 2014, should contact his or her software company.

The following chart provides a snapshot of the content of CN18 and a summary of new and updated items. Additionally, CN18 will include total sugars, reported in grams.

CN18 Content	Total in Category	New / Updated
Active Food Items	17,202	4,620 New / 92 Updated
Standard Reference Food Items	8,222	4,620 New / 92 Updated
Food Industry Items	8,453	0 New / 0 Updated
USDA Standardized Recipes	288	0 New / 0 Updated
USDA [commodity] Food Items	239	0 New / 0 Updated
Nutrient Values	290,737	92,629 New / 1,094 Updated

It is important to note that school food manufactures may also visit the CN Database Web site to add and/or update the nutrient information for the products they make available to the school market place. All new and updated nutrient information will be included with the next annual springtime release of the CN Database.

Additionally, click on USDA-approved software to find approved software.

If you have any questions or if you determine that a software company is not updating their software to include the CN18 database within the required time period, please contact Angela Leone at 703-305-2609.

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