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

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**SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #08-12**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) New Meal Pattern for the School Child Nutrition Program Sponsors

This week, the USDA announced the final rule, *Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs*, to update the school meals offered under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The attached “Questions & Answers on the Final Rule” provides additional guidance. These materials and other resources may be found on the USDA’s Web site at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm>.

**Note that School Food Authorities are expected to fully implement the new meal pattern requirements effective July 1, 2012.** The State Agency is in the process of developing training materials and will provide regional trainings in May 2012. More information will be forthcoming.

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