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HAWAII CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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Action Requested

TO: Hawaii Elementary Schools
Participating in the National School Lunch Program

FROM: Susan Uyehara, RD, MPH, Director

SUBJECT: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Solicitation SY 2015-2016

Your school is eligible to participate in the USDA's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) for SY2015-16. Priority is given to elementary schools with 50% or higher free and reduced-price eligible students. Multi-level, Title I eligible schools with K-8 or K-12 grades are also eligible to apply, however, only students in the elementary grades can participate.

The FFVP application is enclosed, and digital copies are also available at hcnp.hawaii.gov. Please take a few minutes to review the attached "Overview and Responsibilities." This year's application has been updated to reflect USDA recommendations that schools provide more detailed implementation and nutrition education plans. Schools are encouraged to utilize your school's Wellness Committee to review the questions and take the time to consider how FFVP can be integrated into your curriculum and/or current initiatives, and strengthen your community partnerships. For more information on the FFVP, visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/ffvp/>.

The USDA has also increased its focus on procurement, therefore it is mandatory that all returning FFVP schools provide more detail on their current procurement practices by answering the questions in the Application. In addition to the signed Application, ALL applying schools must complete a Procurement Forecast using 2015-16 School Calendar.

Mail applications to Hawaii Child Nutrition Programs, 650 Iwilei Road, Suite 270, Honolulu, HI 96817 by Friday, March 13, 2015. Copies may be faxed to 808-587-3606 or emailed to Jennifer_dang@notes.k12.hi.us with originals to follow. Only completed applications will be considered. Schools will be notified of the selection determination by May 2015. Contact Jennifer at (808) 587-3600 x 242 if you have any questions.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to encourage healthier eating habits by making fresh fruit and vegetables more available to our keiki.

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Attachments