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April 15, 2022

TO: Principals (Elementary)

FROM: Keith T. Hayashi
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SUBJECT: **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Eligibility for School Year
2022-23 – Application Deadline May 13, 2022**

Annually schools participating in the National School Lunch Program with 30% or more of their enrolled students qualifying for Free and Reduced (F/R) price meals are encouraged to submit applications to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). This program provides free, healthy fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to students grade Pre-K to 6. Applications are now open for the school year (SY) 2022-23.

Elementary schools with 50% or higher F/R price enrollment are given priority for participation in this United States Department of Agriculture program. However, elementary schools that have at least 30% F/R enrollment (see attached school listings) may also submit applications for consideration. Schools will be selected according to their F/R percentage until a capacity of approximately 32,000 students in the State has been reached or when all funds have been allocated. These applications should be submitted to your School Food Authority (SFA). The SFA will submit the completed applications to the Hawaii Child Nutrition Programs (HCNP).

The SFA for the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) public elementary schools is the School Food Services Branch (SFSB). **SFSB schools** should submit their applications to SFSB at: FFVP@k12.hi.us by **April 29, 2022**. SFSB is responsible for collecting, reviewing, and submitting all the public-school applications to HCNP by the May 13, 2022 deadline.

Non-Department SFAs and schools should send their completed applications directly to the HCNP email at: hcnp@k12.hi.us.

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The fillable FFVP application form for all schools can be found on the HCNP website at the following link:

<http://hcnp.hawaii.gov/overview/ffvp>

Please read the "Application Instructions" carefully to determine what information is required. The school information page and the certification signature page must be completed in their entirety for an application to be considered. Incomplete applications submitted to HCNP risk the schools' ability to participate in the FFVP program.

The deadline for completed applications to HCNP is **4:30 p.m., Friday, May 13, 2022.**

If you have any questions please contact Alvin Tachibana, HCNP Specialist, at (808) 587-3600 or via email at Alvin.Tachibana@k12.hi.us.

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