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TO: Principals (Elementary)

FROM: For Keith T. Hayashi 
Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Eligibility for School Year
2023-24 – Application Deadline May 19, 2023**

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 may submit applications to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). This program provides free, healthy fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to PreK-6 grade students. Schools can apply now for School Year (SY) 2023-24.

Elementary schools with 50% or higher F/R price enrollment are given priority for participation in this United States Department of Agriculture program. Other elementary schools that are 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 percent until a capacity of approximately 32,000 students 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** would need to submit their applications to the SFSB at: FFVP@k12.hi.us by Wednesday, **May 10, 2023**.

SFSB will be responsible to collect, review, and submit all the applications to HCNP by the May 19, 2023 deadline.

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The **non-Department SFAs and schools** would send their completed applications directly to the HCNP email mailbox at: hcnp@k12.hi.us.

The fillable FFVP application form can be found on the HCNP website under FFVP at <http://hcnp.hawaii.gov/overview/ffvp> by clicking on the "FFVP Application" tab. All schools would use the same form which consists of a school information page and a certification signature page. Please read the "Application Instructions" for the specific information that is required to complete your application.

Applications must be received by HCNP by **4:30 p.m., Friday, May 19, 2023**.

If you have any questions please contact Alvin Tachibana, HCNP Specialist, at (808) 784-5550 or via email at Alvin.Tachibana@k12.hi.us.

KTH: at
Attachment

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