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BULLETIN NO. 027-18 CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Application Packet School Year 2018-19

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The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Child Nutrition Services, is pleased to release the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP) application materials for School Year (SY) 2018-19. **Applications are due April 30, 2018.**

The FFVP provides an effective and creative way of introducing fresh produce as a healthy snack option during the school day. Funds are awarded to the highest free and reduced-price (FRP) percentage elementary schools. **In the past four years, the FRP percentage cut-off has not been below 74%. As such, the only schools invited to apply this year will be those that are at least 70% FRP.**

Schools must meet both of these requirements to be eligible to apply:

1. 50% or more of the students enrolled in the school must be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
 - [The Free and Reduced-Price Meals Eligibility Report](#) is used to determine each school's FRP percentage.

- In the past four years, the FRP percentage cut-off has not been below 74%. As such, the only schools invited to apply this year will be those that are at least 70% FRP.
2. The school must meet the definition of 'elementary' school, which is:
- Pre-kindergarten/Kindergarten (Pre-K/K) through grade five.
 - A variation of Pre-K/K through grade five.
 - Pre-K/K through grade eight.

LEAs with a food service management company (FSMC) contract must ensure the FFVP was included in the initial Request for Proposal or current contract. If not, it may be necessary to rebid the contract. For questions, please contact Jeff Booth, Audit & Financial Manager, , at 360-725-6217 or jeff.booth@k12.wa.us.

Due to a change in how the FFVP is being funded, LEAs will be notified of which schools are funded to participate much later than in past years. We expect to send award announcements by July 30, 2018. Training is required and information will be included with award announcements.

Instructions for completing the application materials are attached and available to [download on the FFVP Application webpage](#).

To apply for the FFVP, the attached forms must be completed and submitted to OSPI by April 30, 2018. Late or incomplete packets may not be considered.

This bulletin is also available on the agency website on the OSPI Bulletins and Memoranda webpage at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2018.aspx>.

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Attachment 1—Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Application Information

Attachment 2—Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Permanent Agreement

Attachment 3—Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Site Application

Attachment 4—Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Signature Authority

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