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To: School Food Authorities

Subject: SFS-16-33 Louisiana RS 17:194 (D) Administration of nutrition program; powers of governing authorities of nutrition program providers; funds for privately supplied programs for profit prohibited; exceptions

As part of the Acts of the 2015 regular legislative session, revised statute 17:194 (D) Administration of nutrition program; powers of governing authorities of nutrition program providers; funds for privately supplied programs for profit prohibited; exceptions has become part of Louisiana State Law.

Under this revised statute, the state Department of Education and any governing authority of a nutrition program provider may use the simplified acquisition procedures for small purchases up to the Federal Small Purchase Threshold set by 41 U.S.C. 403(11), in order to support procurement of local agricultural products and the USDA Farm to School initiatives. No such authority in this statute shall be in conflict with the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition program requirements, including 2 CFR 200.319(b).

As stated in this statute, only procurement of local agricultural products and the USDA Farm to School are affected by this statute. Please refer to the Louisiana State Legislature website at <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=80044> for more information. A copy of this revised statute is also available under the Resources section of the CNP website under the Louisiana State Legislature section.

For specific information regarding procurement of local agricultural products and the USDA Farm to School initiatives, please refer to the following websites:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/procuring-local-foods>

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/farm-school>