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Good morning,

Exciting change is underway with the USDA Farm to School Grant Program!

The Child Nutrition Act, the authorizing legislation for the grant program, is currently in the reauthorization process in Congress. The most recent version passed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry includes changes that impact the scope of the grant program.

In anticipation of change, there will be a delay in the release of the FY2017 request for applications from February to September. In addition to preparing for the potential changes in the authorizing legislation, a schedule adjustment will allow time to review the program's current policies and procedures, taking into account feedback from past applicants and grantees, and program evaluation results.

Below is the anticipated schedule:

- **September 2016:** Release FY2017 request for Farm to School Grant applications
- **November 2016:** FY2017 Farm to School Grant applications due
- **May 2017:** Announce awards

We will continue to keep you updated on the [USDA Farm to School Grant Program](#) through our [E-letter](#) and our [website](#). Thank you for your understanding during this time of exciting change!

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