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To: School Food Authorities

Subject: SFS – 15-28 HUSSC Smarter Lunchroom Training

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and The National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) are pleased to offer **HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms (HUSSC:SL)** training in Louisiana. The basis of this training is to provide support for school nutrition programs in

- 1) creating healthier school environments through the promotion of nutrition and physical activity and
- 2) earning **HUSSC:SL** awards for their efforts.

As USDA has begun the implementation of important changes to the **HUSSC: SL** criteria, NFSMI has collaborated with USDA to update the training curriculum. We are excited to have the new version of **HUSSC: SL** ready for presentation. Below is a description of the updated training:

HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms (6-hour training)

This training will guide school nutrition professionals in the review of awards criteria and strategies for earning the **HUSSC: SL** awards of excellence for their schools. Serving as a foundation for the application process are lessons on how the use of food-based menus, standardized recipes, and production records can help with meeting the meal pattern requirements. Participants will also receive instruction on calculating smart snacks and implementing “Smarter Lunchroom” techniques. This training will support the efforts of schools to achieve healthier school environments through the promotion of nutrition and physical activity.

The training sessions will be offered in the following locations:

1. Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Baton Rouge Diocese
Westerfield Center
1800 S Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (approximate)
2. Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Rapides Parish Media Center
619 6th Street
Alexandria, Louisiana 71301
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (approximate)

3. Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Monroe City School Board
Board Room
2006 Tower Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71201
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (approximate)

There will be no charge for the training sessions. Further information concerning the exact time of the training session and cost of lunch (should the training facility be equipped to provide this) will be communicated when available.

To register for one of these sessions, please email Melissa Campbell (Melissa.campbell@la.gov) and provide the following information:

1. Names of all participants
2. Name of SFA
3. Contact information (email and phone number)
4. Location choice (Monroe, Alexandria or Baton Rouge)