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To: School Food Authorities
Subject: SFS-17-71 June 2017 State Update

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) will host a ***School Food Service State Update*** meeting on June 27-28, 2017. Topics will include CEP, direct certification, procurement, HACCP, unpaid meal charge policy, and At Risk Supper. Speakers from the USDA and LSU AgCenter will be provide information on Louisiana's Farm to School program, including tips on procuring locally. Additionally, a speaker from the Food Research & Action Center will be discussing Breakfast in the Classroom grant opportunities.

A **Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) hands-on lab** will be offered on the afternoon of the second day. **Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet, as well as the information required to complete the Paid Lunch Equity tool for the 2017-18 school year.** This includes the number of paid lunches served at each paid lunch price point for the months of October 2010 and October 2016. One item that is important to note is that if your SFA participated in CEP in the 16-17 School Year, you will not include paid lunch counts for any of the CEP-participating schools (even if the CEP site claimed both free and paid meals). Additional information that may be needed to complete the PLE tool includes: total number of paid lunches claimed in the 2015-16 SY (all months) – excluding any CEP sites from the calculation- and the total amount of non-federal source funds contributed to School Food Service from SYs 2011-12 through SY 2016-17 (inclusive of these years). Below is a link to the current PLE tool:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/paid-lunch-equity-school-year-2017-2018-calculations-and-tool>

Please note: If your SFA is 100% CEP, your district will be exempt from completion of the PLE tool.

There will be a fee of **\$20.00 per person, per day** to attend.

REGISTER AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: <http://www.louisianafitkids.com>

Location

Conference Center Auditorium
Pennington Biomedical Research Center
6400 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

Payment information

Payment in advance by check to "Pennington Biomedical Research Center" at the following address:
Pennington Biomedical Research Center
c/o Marlo Bayham
6400 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Pay on site with exact cash, check or credit card, or call Marlo Bayham (225-763-2876) to register with credit card information.

Tentative agenda, conference center map and list of nearby accommodations will be posted on the registration website.