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SUBJECT: Certification of Compliance with New Breakfast Meal Patterns 2013-2014

This memo provides information on tools you may use to support compliance with the new breakfast meal pattern requirements for 2013-2014. School divisions that have previously been certified as compliant with the 2012-2013 lunch and breakfast meal patterns are not required to submit documentation of certification for the new breakfast meal pattern requirements. School divisions that have not been certified for menus served through June 2013 must submit proof of compliance with these new breakfast meal pattern requirements as part of their certification package for lunch and breakfast menus planned and served in the 2013-2014 school year.

Newly revised breakfast certification workbooks for k-5, 6-8, 9-12, k-8, and k-12 grade groups will be posted to the DOE Web site no later than the week of August 19. Attached to this memo is the k-12 breakfast certification workbook for your immediate use. School divisions may use this tool to assist in complying with the new meal pattern requirements for k-12 menus planned to meet the overlap in components and dietary specifications for all grades. This certification workbook is a technical assistance tool for school divisions previously certified and is not required, nor should the workbook be submitted to DOE. However, compliance with the new breakfast meal pattern will be assessed as part of state and federal SNP reviews.

During this transitional year of breakfast requirements, USDA will not be approving alternate software for breakfast menu certification; school divisions submitting certification for lunch and breakfast must use the USDA breakfast tool for 2013-2014.

If you have questions or need further information, contact the school nutrition programs specialist assigned to the division or Office of School Nutrition Program staff at (804) 225-2074.

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Attachment: USDA 2013-2014 Breakfast Certification Worksheet k-12