POLICY ALERT

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Reference: # NSLP/SBP 2008-9
To: National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) Contractors
Subject: Healthier US School Challenge (HUSSC) Bronze Level Awards
Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose
Notifies schools of a new certification level within the Healthier US School Challenge (HUSSC).

Implementation
Immediately

Background
Obesity is a growing concern for children in the United States. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) believes that schools should be taking a leadership role in helping students learn to make healthy eating and active lifestyle choices. USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) encourages schools to make changes to their school nutrition environments, improving the quality of food and serving more nutritious, healthy choices. The Healthier US School Challenge (HUSSC) was established to encourage schools to go further and to recognize those who chose to do so. Prior to October 1, 2007, schools striving to be a Healthier US School Challenge award recipient could apply to receive only the Gold or Silver award.

Procedure
Beginning October 1, 2007, schools may apply for one of the three certification levels within the HUSSC: Gold, Silver or Bronze.

In order to attain a Bronze award, a school must meet all criteria associated with the Silver award, with the exception of the 70 percent Average Daily Participation (ADP) rate. The minimum ADP rate required for the new Bronze certification is 62 percent.

For additional information, see Section 4380, Healthier US School Challenge and Section 4381, Requirements for Participation in the NSLP/SBP Handbook.

Authority
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Contact
If you have any questions please contact your Food and Nutrition Field Operations Office.

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