NOTICE

Date: September 19, 2008

Reference: # NSLP/SBP 2008-14

To: National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP) Contractors

Subject: Texas Public School Nutrition Policy and Education Service Center Meet and Greet Sessions

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**Purpose**

**Texas Public School Nutrition Policy**

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) issued the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy to promote a healthier environment in schools. The Texas Public School Nutrition Policy sets specific guidelines public schools must follow as regards:

- Service and access to Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value (FMNV) on campus;
- Nutrition standards of foods and beverages served or made available in reimbursable meals; and
- Competitive foods and snacks.

All Texas public schools participating in the NSLP/SBP and Afterschool School Snack Program were required to comply with the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy beginning August 1, 2007.

Private schools and residential child care institutions (RCCIs) are encouraged, but are **not required**, to comply with the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy.

To learn more about the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy, visit [www.squaremeals.org](http://www.squaremeals.org) and select “Texas Public School Nutrition Policy”.

**Education Service Center Meet and Greet**

The ESCs are scheduling meet and greet sessions with private schools and RCCIs participating in the NSLP/SBP. Each ESC will be sending invitations out to those private schools and RCCIs in their regions. These voluntary sessions are an opportunity for private schools and RCCIs to meet their regional ESC staff and regional compliance monitors.

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The following ESCs have already reserved dates for private schools and RCCIs to meet:

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Other ESC’s are planning meet and greet sessions but have not yet set specific dates.

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