

**Virginia Department of Education
FY 2009 Certification Form**

School Breakfast Program State Funding Incentive for Increased Student Participation

Division Name:

Division Number:

A state funded incentive program to maximize federal school nutrition revenues and to increase student participation in the School Breakfast Program has been established. These funds are available to any school division as a reimbursement for breakfast meals served that are in excess of the baseline established by the Department of Education. The per meal reimbursement shall be \$0.20 in fiscal year 2009 based on the number of meals served in school year 2007-2008 that were in excess of each school division's 2003-2004 baseline.

In order to receive these funds, school divisions must certify that these funds will be used to supplement existing funds provided by the local governing body, and that local funds derived from sources that are not generated by the school nutrition programs have not been reduced or eliminated. The funds shall be used to improve student participation in the School Breakfast Program. These efforts may include, but are not limited to, reducing the per meal price paid by students, reducing competitive food sales in order to improve the quality of nutritional offerings in schools, increasing access to the School Breakfast Program, or providing programs to increase parent and student knowledge of good nutritional practices. In no event shall these funds be used to reduce local tax revenues below the level appropriated to school nutrition programs in the prior year, if any. Further, these funds must be provided to the school nutrition programs and may not be used for any other school purpose.

CERTIFICATION FOR FY 2009

I hereby certify that state incentive funds received for the school breakfast program will be credited to the school nutrition program account and will not be used for any other school purpose. I further certify that these funds will be used to improve participation in the school breakfast program and will not be used to supplant existing funds provided by the local governing body and that local funds derived from sources that are not generated by the school nutrition programs will not be reduced or eliminated.

Division Superintendent's Signature

Date

Signed Certification Form Must Be Returned to the Virginia Department of Education No Later Than: January 30, 2009

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