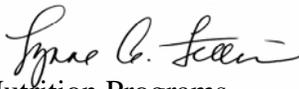




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SUBJECT: Food Safety Requirements in the School Nutrition Programs – Reminder

Public Law 108-265, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, amended food safety requirements for schools participating in the School Breakfast and National School Lunch programs. The amendments became effective July 1, 2005. This memo serves as a reminder of several actions school food authorities are required to implement as a result of these changes. Superintendent's Regulatory Memo #4 dated May 6, 2005, provides complete details.

School Food Safety Inspections

- Each participating school must obtain at least two food safety inspections each school year.
- School divisions should contact their local health department to arrange for the required twice per school year inspections.
- If the local health district is unable to conduct two inspections per year, documentation of the school division's contact with the health department to request the twice annual inspections should be maintained.
- Schools must post a report of the most recent food safety inspection, and provide a copy to the public upon request.

Food Safety System

- Participating schools are required, during the preparation and service of meals, to implement a food safety program that complies with the HACCP system requirements as established by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- Food safety plan requirements, standard operating procedures, and prototype forms can be found in the USDA/NFSMI resource kit *Developing a School Food Safety Program* at http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/school_fs_program.html