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To: School Business Administrators
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Subject: CN Reauthorization - **IMPORTANT Change in Milk Requirements**

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 modifies requirements for fluid milk in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, requiring that a variety of fluid milk be served consistent with the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Therefore, effective for the beginning of school year 2011-2012, schools must offer at least two choices from the following:

- Fat-free milk
- Low-fat (1%) milk
- Fat-free or low-fat lactose reduced/lactose free milk
- Fat-free or low-fat buttermilk or acidified milk
- Fat-free or low-fat acidified milk

All of the above products must be pasteurized fluid milk that meets state and local standards, as currently required in 7 CFR 210.10(m)(1)(ii).

NOTE: Schools may NOT serve any whole milk, or any reduced fat milk (2%).

This is a major change, so it is important to note the changes for any milk contracts or bids that LEA's may be participating in for the 2011-2012 school year.

Again, only fat-free or 1% fat milk may be used in the Child Nutrition Programs, as of the 2011-2012 school year. At this time, these requirements can include either white or flavored milk varieties. The NJ School Nutrition/Wellness Policy will be amended to reflect these changes also, which at future date will require schools to include such amendments in their locally adopted policies.

Any questions, feel free to contact Janet Hawk of this office at 609-984-0692.