

Dear Food Service Directors:

On December 13, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued Policy Memoranda SP 12-2017: New Reporting Procedures for FNS-828 Paid Lunch Price Report for School Year (SY) 2016–17 and SP 13-2017: Release of the FNS-828 Paid Lunch Price Data for SY 2015–16.

These policy memos announce USDA's publication of the paid lunch prices for SFAs participating in the National School Lunch Program for SY 2015–16 and changes in reporting procedures for SY 2016–17.

You can view policy memos SP 12-2017 and SP 13-2017 on the USDA School Meals Policy Web page at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/policy>.

Subsection 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and Title 7, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 210.14(e)(7), require that school food authorities (SFA) report their most frequently charged price at elementary, middle or junior high, and high school levels to the California Department of Education (CDE).

SFAs report their most frequently charged prices for elementary, middle or junior high, and high school levels to the CDE using the Child Nutrition Information and Payment System (CNIPS) application or CNIPS annual update. As done in the past, the CDE annually submits meal price data to the USDA using the FNS-828 report on behalf of California SFAs using CNIPS data. For SY 2016–17, and all subsequent years, the CDE will submit the annual FNS-828 report that is now incorporated in the USDA's new Food Programs Reporting System.

As mentioned above, the CDE annually submits the FNS-828 report on behalf of California SFAs using their CNIPS data. Therefore, **no action is required by the SFA.**

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact the Resource Management Unit at snpcafefundquestions@cde.ca.gov.

Thank you.

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