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SUBJECT: N.J.S.A.18A:33-23 Notification relative to summer meals program

The State of New Jersey Assembly Bill No. 4906 was signed into law on January 16, 2018. This requires each school district and nonpublic school in the State to notify all students and parents/guardians of the availability, eligibility criteria and locations of Summer Food Service Programs within the school district or area of the non-public school. N.J.S.A.18A:33-23 is attached for your review.

The Department of Agriculture has developed the attached flyer for your use in implementing the requirements. Please complete the flyer with the locations where summer meals are available within your school district or area, along with a point of contact. If you require additional space, please use an additional flyer.

You are required to notify each student enrolled in your school and the student's parent or guardian by distributing the flyers and/or providing electronic notice of the information through the usual means by which you communicate electronically.

Information on open feeding sites will be available by June 15, 2023, and any updates on additional open sites will be available by June 22, 2023. To obtain your list of sites, please refer to the instructions on "How To Locate A Summer Food Service Program Feeding Site".

Should you have questions or require further assistance, please contact the Summer Food Service Program at 609-292-4498.

CHAPTER 387

AN ACT concerning notification of summer meals program and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.18A:33-23 Notification relative to summer meals program.

1. a. Each school district in the State shall notify each student enrolled in the school district and the student's parent or guardian of the availability of, and criteria of eligibility for, the summer meals program and the locations in the school district where the summer meals are available. The school district shall provide this notification by distributing flyers provided by the Department of Agriculture pursuant to subsection c. of this section. The school district may also provide electronic notice of the information through the usual means by which the school district communicates with parents and students electronically.

b. Each nonpublic school in the State shall notify each student enrolled in the school and the student's parent or guardian of the availability of, and criteria of eligibility for, the summer meals program and the locations in the local school district in which the nonpublic school is located or the nonpublic school student resides where the summer meals are available. Each nonpublic school shall provide this notification by distributing flyers provided by the Department of Agriculture pursuant to subsection c. of this section. The school may also provide electronic notice of the information through the usual means by which the school communicates with parents and students electronically.

c. The Department of Agriculture shall develop and distribute flyers, no later than June 1 of the school year, to each school district and nonpublic school in the State to implement the requirements of subsections a. and b. of this section.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 16, 2018.