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SUBJECT: HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) Application
Deadline

TO: Regional and State Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
All Regions

On January 1, 2009, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Child Nutrition Division released updated criteria for the HealthierUS School Challenge initiative to reflect the recommendations of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) and the Nutrition Standards for Foods Served in Schools (April 2007) published by the Institute of Medicine. December 31, 2008, was cited as the last day that applications submitted under the former 2004 criteria could be received by State offices for review.

Over the past eight months FNS has continued to receive and process applications under the former 2004 criteria, but now wishes to expeditiously close out all of those applications by the end of this calendar year. All applications submitted under the former 2004 criteria must be reviewed by the State agency and FNS regional office and received at the FNS National office by December 31, 2009.

Starting on January 1, 2010, only applications meeting the new HUSSC criteria will be accepted by this agency.

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