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BULLETIN NO. 023-20 CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School District Food Service Directors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Application Packet School Year 2020-21

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce the opportunity to apply for the 2020 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). New this school year, applications must be submitted through the Washington Integrated Nutrition System (WINS). Applications are due May 30.

The FFVP offers an effective and creative way to provide nutrition education and tasting opportunities for a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. The program has been successful in introducing elementary school children to a variety of produce that they otherwise might not have the opportunity to try. Funds are awarded to the highest free and reduced-price (FRP) percentage elementary schools. For general information about the program, visit the [FFVP webpage](#). **Funding is available for program operations from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.**

Schools must meet both of these requirements to be eligible to apply:

1. 50 percent or more of the students enrolled in the school must be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
 - [The Free and Reduced-Price Meals Eligibility Report](#) is used to determine each school's FRP percentage.

2. The school must meet the definition of 'elementary' school.

Eligible schools will be notified through WINS. Details about that notification will come through sponsors WINS work queues.

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with a Food Service Management Company (FSMC) contract must ensure the FFVP was included in the initial Request for Proposal or current contract. If not, it may be necessary to rebid the contract. For questions, please contact Jeff Booth, Audit & Financial Manager, at 360-725-6217 or jeff.booth@k12.wa.us.

In the past, the FRP percentage cut off has not been below 63 percent however, all schools that meet the listed criteria are invited to apply.

Awards will be announced by June 30. Required training and program details will be included with award announcements. Training will be held virtually, a webinar will be scheduled at a later date.

To apply for the FFVP, applications must be submitted to OSPI through WINS by May 30.

Child Nutrition Services will share details on this new application process soon. School personnel with access to the WINS applications will have access to the FFVP application.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Rachel Floyd, Administrative Program Specialist, at 360-742-4155 or email rachel.floyd@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins](#) page of the OSPI website.

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