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Subject: RE: Questions for tomorrow

Sharon,

I have already heard from some directors regarding the equity in meal pricing. I discussed this in a recent newsletter article. I attended a meeting that the USDA regional office held regarding various provisions of the Act, particularly the proposed meal pattern changes.

The issue of districts having to raise meal prices this year—particularly since it is in the Act and this provision is effective 7/1/11, was discussed in depth. We were told that until we received implementation guidance from USDA that the districts did not have to raise their prices.

If you are referring to the new meal pattern, it is only proposed at this point. Comments are being accepted by FNS until April 13, 2011. The existing meal pattern will be in effect until a new one has been established.

The Act was signed on December 13, 2010. The changes made in this Act are nothing short of historic. The changes are being implemented in stages. USDA Headquarters alone decides the order in which the provisions are implemented.

Denise

From: Fields, Sharon [<mailto:Sharon.Fields@KEDC.org>]
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Denise,

I hope your review goes well this week. If you change your mind or can send someone over to the meeting it would be good.

A couple questions that several had wanted to discuss.

On the price increases, it was suggested that the Superintendents be informed directly from KDE instead of from Food Service. The price increase is already a law correct?

Also on the guidelines, you will know the new recommendations by April 15th?

Will the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act need to be effective July 2011?

Any other news you want to share with the group I will be glad to pass along.