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Subject: Important Updates related to the Seamless Summer Option

The School Nutrition and Summer Food Service Program Units proudly announce the development of a streamlined application for School Food Authorities (SFAs) to participate in the Summer Food Service Program for the summer of 2017.

This streamlined application will take advantage of specific flexibilities offered by the USDA for School Food Authorities in order to allow our schools to receive higher reimbursement for the healthy meals provided to New Jersey children, while following the same meal pattern, regulations, and meal counting practices implemented throughout the school year.

The Seamless Summer Option (SSO) will continue to be offered this upcoming summer (2016) while the streamlined application is finalized.

The application for SSO will open on **April 15, 2016** in SNEARS. Application/agreement information and site detail information must be certified in SNEARS no later than **May 31, 2016**. Instructions for completing the SSO application are available under the *Resources* tab.

A Seamless Summer Option webinar will also be held on April 12, 2016 from 10 AM – 12 PM for all interested sponsors.

Direct any questions to the School Nutrition Programs office at 609-984-0692. We look forward to working with you to help provide increased healthy and low-price meals to New Jersey children throughout the entire year.

