

- The new standards went into effect on July 1, but many schools were already well on their way to meeting the standards.
- Changes in the standards for **School Breakfast will be phased in** over three years to make it easier for schools to comply.
- The Act also strengthened **local school wellness policies**. We know that these can be a powerful force for change in many communities, and the HHFKA now requires more engagement from the local level so that these do not just become a paper that gets filed away in a drawer somewhere.
- We have also put in place the so-called "6-cent rule," that reimburses schools an additional 6 cents for each lunch they serve that meets the new meal standards.
- The additional funds will be an **incentive to schools** to make improvements.
- This is the **first increase above inflation in over 30 years**. Money will begin flowing to schools across the country this year.
- USDA is fully committed to providing all the assistance we can to help schools get from where they are to where they need to be.

Community Eligibility

- Ready access to nutritious food is essential and we announced this spring that additional states (New York, Ohio, West Virginia and the District of Columbia) will be allowed to use the innovative option of "community eligibility" for school meal programs. **Community eligibility reduces the burden on families by eliminating household school meal applications and helps schools cut down on burdensome paperwork.**

To learn more about the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, please visit:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/legislation/cnr_2010.htm

