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MEMORANDUM

TO: Selected County and City Superintendents
Private School Administrators
Residential Child Care Institution Administrators

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: USDA DoD Fresh Entitlement Allocations in Alabama Schools

As of today, the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services (USDA FNS) has not provided ALSDE CNP Food Distribution with contact information for the FY2023 prime vendor that would service the schools USDA DoD Fresh contract. We will continue to utilize the current prime vendor, Forestwood Farms, until the end of their contract with USDA, which is September 30, 2022, and will notify you as soon as we receive information about any new DoD Prime Vendor.

Through Forestwood Farms, bulk deliveries of produce will continue to be delivered to our two contracted commercial warehouses and distributed to schools. We will continue this for the remainder of the program year (June 2023), and we will review other options at that time. All schools who have elected to allocate entitlement dollars to the DoD Direct program will have their funds placed back into the routine USDA account for future direct delivery purchases.

If you have any questions, please contact the Food Distribution team at fooddist@alsde.edu or 334-694-4659.

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Attachment

cc: Select Child Nutrition Program Directors