July 10, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO:       City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM:     Thomas R. Bice
          State Superintendent of Education

RE:       At-Risk Afterschool Program

Afterschool programs that serve meals and snacks give students who participate in school athletic or extracurricular programs the nutrition they need to learn and grow.

The Alabama State Department of Education, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), is seeking sponsors to operate the 2014-2015 At-Risk Afterschool Program for Alabama children. Qualified sponsors are reimbursed per meal or snack served to children at a rate of $2.93 per meal and $.80 per snack.

This beneficial, but widely underutilized, program provides snacks or meals to children in needy areas without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. We know that students who eat nutritious and healthy foods are better equipped to concentrate on homework or join their friends in physical, educational, and social activities.

At-Risk Afterschool Program meals and/or snacks may be served to children in such places as learning centers, community centers, and churches, but more school sites are needed. Schools may qualify as sponsors of the program if they are located in eligible school areas where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

Among the requirements for schools are:

- Provide care for children after school or on weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year
- Provide organized, regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities
- Be located in an eligible area based on school data
- Participate in webinar training

Potential sponsors may contact Ms. Kimberlei Bowen, Pre-School Nutrition Programs, Alabama State Department of Education, 5302 Gordon Persons Building, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, AL 36130-2101, or call 334-242-9376, or email kbowen@alsde.edu.


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