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Series 8100 - School Lunch Programs

8100 SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of school lunch programs is to safeguard the health and well-being of Vermont's children, to assist the schools to serve nutritious lunches to children each school day, and to teach and model good nutrition habits in the schools.

8110 Statutory Authority: 16 V.S.A. § 1262b, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq.

8111 Grants from state or federal funds to school boards pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1262a(a) shall be awarded in a manner consistent with the National School Lunch Act as amended from time to time and its accompanying regulations found in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations as amended from time to time.

8112 Each recipient school board as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 1261a shall adopt, maintain and update as necessary a policy on the provision of school lunches in accordance with these rules and state and federal law and regulations.

8113 In the 1988-1989 school year, and as federal requirements are amended, the Commissioner shall provide to each recipient school board a copy of the relevant federal regulations governing school lunch programs. In addition, in the 1988-1989 school year and as federal requirements are amended, the Commissioner shall provide to each recipient school board a summary of federal eligibility requirements for school lunch programs, as well as requirements relating to confidentiality, non-discrimination, nutritional standards, and financial accountability.

8120 In any fiscal year, no more than ten percent of state funds made available for school lunch programs pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1262a(a) may be awarded for the purchase of equipment for school lunch programs. The remainder of state funds must be awarded for the operation of school lunch programs on a per meal basis. Requests for funds from the state board to purchase equipment for school lunch programs shall be made on a form developed by the Commissioner and awards made on the basis of criteria developed by the Commissioner. Such criteria shall be designed to equitably distribute available funds to programs most in need and at minimum shall require consideration of the following factors:

(1) Percentage of children eligible for free and reduced price meals,

(2) Condition of existing equipment,

(3) How new equipment will improve the food service program, and

(4) Local matching funds available.

8130 All prior state board regulations governing the operation of school lunch programs are hereby repealed.