



School Nutrition Association Response to Proposed Approach

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Proposed Approach

- All perspectives included
- Consistency to Dietary Guidelines and Dietary Reference Intakes
- Recognition of unique challenges and complexities
 - Cost and Administrative Impact
 - Participation and Student Acceptability
 - Simplification of menu planning and monitoring

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Cost and Administrative Impact



- Representative menus offer practical evaluation of cost and administrative impact
- Review of the Current Financial Situation
 - Indirect Costs
 - Food Cost
 - Labor Cost
 - Growing demand without additional resources

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Cost and Administrative Impact



- Review of the current availability of products
 - Whole grains
 - Fresh Produce
- Importance of commodities

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Participation and Student Acceptability



- Phase-in approach may be necessary to maintain participation and student acceptability
 - Whole grains/Fiber
 - Sodium
 - Added Sugars
 - Vegetable Sub Groups (orange, dark green etc)

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Participation and Student Acceptability



- Implementing Change
 - Participation
 - Palatability
 - Acceptance
- Need for Nutrition Education

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Menu Planning and Monitoring



- Benefits of food target approach with selected nutrient targets
- Need for realistic targets on selected nutrients to maintain palatability of nutrient rich foods
 - Sodium
 - Added Sugar

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