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Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction

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TO: National School Lunch and Summer Food Service Program Sponsors and Business Managers

RE: ODE FDP Service Fee Refund

The Oregon Department of Education USDA Food Distribution Program (ODE FDP) is issuing a service fee refund to sponsors on October 2, 2013:

- The refund will be received via your payment method already set-up with ODE. Actual receipt of payment may vary depending on your financial institution. The refund title will be *FDP Fees*.
- The refund must be deposited to your non-profit food service account.
- You can view your refund in CNPweb under the *Invoice* tab in Food Distribution Program (green puzzle piece) and under the *Payment* tab in School Nutrition Program (purple puzzle piece) under program year 2013.
- The refund amount is based on pounds sponsors received divided by total pounds distributed (brown box & diverted) times the total excess service fee funds to be returned.

ODE receives state administrative funds from USDA to administer Child Nutrition Programs (CNP). Due to the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act, ODE CNP received more funding than was necessary to operate. ODE recently received guidance from USDA allowing these excess funds to be used to pay for USDA Foods service fees. This may or may not occur in the future depending on funding levels.

The current service fee of \$.10 per lb. will remain for the 2013-14 school year; however the credit will make your actual rate for 2013-14 approximately \$.065 per lb. This makes your USDA Foods more cost effective.

If you have any questions, please contact me at chris.facha@state.or.us or (503) 947-5896.

Sincerely,

Chris Facha
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