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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors

FROM: Karen L. Vogel, RD, and SNS
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen L. Vogel".

SUBJECT: Site Eligibility

New guidance from USDA clarifies the free/reduced price eligibility data that can be used for qualifying SFSP feeding sites. In Nevada, only the official October 31 data that is available on the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) web site **or** census tract data is permitted to be used to qualify SFSP feeding sites. Sponsors cannot contact school districts after October 31 to obtain more up-to-date data. If school data is used, it must be the official data from the NDE web site.

The only exception to this guidance would be in specific cases where the loss of a large employer or a significant natural disaster might change the economic make-up of the community in a short amount of time. These special circumstances would be evaluated by the State Agency on a case-by-case basis.

The official October 31 data for 2010 can be found at:
www.doe.nv.gov/NSLP/FreeReducedSchoolMeals/09-10_FreeReducedReport

If you have questions about this guidance, please call Karen Vogel, Nutrition Programs Consultant, at 702-486-7902.

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