



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum No. 06-18
Providing Child Nutrition Program Benefits to Disaster Survivor Evacuees

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service recently issued guidance addressing the provision of Child Nutrition Program (CNP) benefits to evacuees from areas affected by natural disasters. USDA Memorandum [SP 05-2018](#) summarizes eligibility options available to school food authorities and institutions participating in the school CNPs. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is issuing clarification regarding the completion of an application by an adult living with the child, or by a school official indicating that a child is homeless. According to the SP 05-2018, the local education agency’s (LEA) homeless liaison, director of a homeless shelter or other individual identified by the Food and Nutrition Service are the persons who can determine if a child is homeless based on regulations outlined in the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#) (MVHAA). However, the CSDE is encouraging LEAs to notify the designated homeless liaison when a child is determined to be homeless by a shelter director. This will help to ensure that the child receives all benefits provided under the MVHAA. For more information, please refer to the USDA’s [Eligibility Manual for School Meals](#).

Questions may be directed to your school nutrition consultant.

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