



## MEMORANDUM

To: School Food Authorities

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Re: Paid Lunch Equity: Guidance for School Years 2015-16 and 2016-17

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### **State Agency Memo**

#### **NSLP #09-15**

This memorandum provides School Food Authorities (SFAs) with a possible exemption to the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) for School Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, if SFAs are in strong financial standing. SFAs available for this exemption must be certified with meeting meal pattern requirements and can demonstrate that they have exceeded a 3-month operating balance limit.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will grant this exemption to requesting SFAs using the predetermined criteria given by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Any SFA who received exemption in School Year 2014-2015 must request a new exemption status for School Years 2015-2016 and/or 2016-2017.

Should you have any questions, please contact your designated Program Specialist.