

# Wednesday's Wisdom



**Do you have questions about the Government shutdown? Please see the attached Questions and Answers memo (October 11, 2013) from USDA regarding the Government Shutdown.**



<http://saladbars2schools.org/>

## Thinking about a Salad Bar for your School? Think Free!

Any K-12 school district participating in the National School Lunch Program is eligible to apply. There is one application that accommodates requests for either a single salad bar package, or for larger districts, multiple salad bar packages.

## How Does This Process Work?

1. Submit application, including signed verification form from the Foodservice Director and Superintendent.
2. You will receive an acknowledgment that your application has been received and is being processed to determine whether your application is approved.
3. Once you receive notice that your application has been received and that your school/district is approved to receive salad bar donations, your district will appear on a list of districts eligible for community donations. Your district will then be eligible to receive donations in support of your salad bar program. Donations for your district can also be sent via snail mail directly to Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools.
4. Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools contacts you when funds become available for your salad bar(s)
5. Once funded, your salad bar(s) is/are ordered for shipment and will be delivered to your school(s).
6. Your students eat more fruits and vegetables.
7. Your district is required to complete an evaluation twice over the two years following your grant.

## Today's Technical Assistance: Trans-Fats and the National School Lunch Program

Be sure to review manufacturers' food labels and packaging to ensure that foods offered in reimbursable school meals contain zero grams of trans-fat per serving. Naturally occurring trans-fat – found in products such as beef, lamb, and dairy products made with whole milk – is excluded. If there is trans-fat listed on the Nutrition Facts label of a product containing meat or dairy, the SFA should request documentation from the manufacturer that lists/reports the source of the trans-fat.



### 2013-2014 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Application and Claims

As a reminder, the NSLP application for school year 2013-2014 needs to be entered and submitted by SFA's via the new Bureau of Nutrition computer system. SFA's must have an approved current application from the State Agency prior to claim reimbursement (**7 CFR 210.8(b)(1)**).

There are several SFA's that have not started the process of updating their 2013-2014 application.

Please contact the Bureau at (603) 271-3646 if you should have any questions or concerns regarding your SFA's application status.

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