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Sponsors and Sites Needed for the 2013 DC Free Summer Meals Program

(Washington, DC) – The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Department of Wellness and Nutrition Services which administers the the District of Columbia’s Free Summer Meals Program (FSMP) is currently recruiting organizations to serve as sponsors and sites during the summer of 2013. **The deadline for submitting sponsor applications for this program is Monday, May 20, 2013.** Organizations may enroll through July to serve as sites.

The FSMP reimburses organizations that provide meals during the summer to District children from low-income areas or to individuals with disabilities. Eligible organizations include public or private nonprofit school food authorities, faith-based and community-based organizations, housing authorities and other units of local or municipal governments, as well as public or private nonprofit day or overnight summer camps. In accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines, organizations may be reimbursed for serving up to two eligible meals per day to children ages 18 and younger at approved locations.

The DC Free Summer Meals Program was created as a safeguard for children in under-served low-income areas to ensure continued access to good nutrition during long school vacations when access to school provided breakfast and lunch meals are unavailable. The health and wellbeing of children in the District is important, therefore access to nutritious meals should not end when school is out.

All children participating in this program are served meals free of charge and are protected under the Federal and the District of Columbia Protected Classes.

Those interested in receiving additional information or applications for the DC Free Summer Meals Program are encouraged to contact:

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