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**Commonwealth of Virginia  
Virginia Department of Education  
Superintendent's Memo #317-21**

**DATE:** December 3, 2021  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **USDA Emergency Operating Costs Allocations for School Nutrition Programs and Sponsors of the Child and Adult Care Food Program**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will disburse the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) emergency operating cost funding allocations on December 10, 2021, to eligible school food authorities (SFAs) and sponsors of the At Risk portion of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). **Attachments A and B** list the funding allocations.

## **Background**

The USDA announced the availability of emergency operating cost funding as included in Section 722 of P.L. 116-260 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act to provide local operators with supplemental funding for emergency operating costs incurred from March to June 2020 related to the public health emergency. This funding is intended to address the financial instability caused by the public health emergency and support SFAs and At Risk CACFP sponsors to continue to provide nutritious meals and snacks to children.

SFAs and At Risk CACFP sponsors are eligible for the funding if valid meal claims for reimbursement were submitted for any of the months from September through December 2020 or if a signed assurance statement, agreeing to file a claim for reimbursement upon conclusion of the public health emergency, has been received by the VDOE Office of School

Nutrition Programs by the November 5, 2021, deadline. Reimbursement allocations were calculated for each month according to the statutory formulas.

USDA emergency operating funds must remain in nonprofit school food service accounts and be utilized to ensure equitable access to healthy foods in school and in At Risk CACFP programs.

### For more information

For more information about emergency operating costs, please contact the SNP policy mailbox at [SNPPolicy@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:SNPPolicy@doe.virginia.gov).

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- A. Attachment: [School Nutrition Program EOC Reimbursement Allocations](#) (XLSX)
- B. Attachment: [Child and Adult Care Food Program EOC Reimbursement Allocations](#) (XLSX)