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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Business Managers and Food Service Directors

FROM: Vody Herrmann

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RE: Family Economic Data Survey for FY2009-10 Pupil Registration

C.R.S. 22.54.112(4) requires every school of a district, charter school of a district, and institute charter school that does not participate in a federal child nutrition program to include the *Family Economic Data Survey* form created by CDE in the materials for pupil registration. Along with this form you must also provide an explanation to parents that the form will be used by the school district or school to determine whether the school district or school is eligible for at-risk funding on behalf of the pupil and that, by filling out the form, the parent is ensuring that the school district or school will receive the at-risk funding to which it is entitled based on the population of at-risk pupils, as defined by the free-lunch eligibility program of the National School Lunch Program, served by the school district or school.

The new form is now available at the following links on the CDE website:

Nutrition http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdenutritran/nutrifamilyeconomicdatasurvey.htm

School Finance http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/FamilyEconomicDataSurvey.htm

Schools of Choice http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdechart/guidebook/fin/index.htm

There are a few changes/updates to the information from last year:

- Food Stamp program is now referred to as the *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program* (SNAP);
- Form expanded to include all students in the family (only need to complete one form per family instead of one per student);
- Households must identify the frequency of the income or check the "no income" box on the form, i.e. \$100/monthly, \$100/twice a month, \$100/weekly, etc.
- Other minor changes to the layout of the form.

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