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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Sponsors of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

**FROM:** Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent  
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*Original Signed*  
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**DATE:** November 17, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Teacher Consumption in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on the allowable consumption of fruits and vegetables by teachers in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). Teachers can play a valuable role in modeling fruit and vegetable consumption. Therefore, schools may allow teachers to consume fruits and vegetables as part of the FFVP under the following conditions:

- Only teachers who are directly responsible for serving the fruit and/or vegetable to their students in a classroom setting may partake of the fruit and/or vegetable.
- The program is not available to the general teacher population or other adults in the school.
- Teachers choosing to participate with their students are strongly encouraged to include a nutrition education component to enhance their positive role modeling.
- No additional FFVP funds will be provided. Schools must stay within their per student allocation.

Please note that this policy does not allow teacher or administrator fruit baskets.

This memorandum supersedes the policy set forth on this topic in the current FFVP guidance manual published in August 2010.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Coordinator at (602) 542-8700.

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