

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Finance and Operations Committee

From: Ivelise Velazquez/ Gail Sharry

**Subject:** F&O Agenda Item Request/Approval

Healthy Food Certification Statement

Meeting Date: April 5, 2021

To approve the "Healthy Food Certification Statement" – Addendum to an Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs (ED-099), NHBOE must vote (1) the participation in the healthy food option; (2) to allow Food and Beverage Exemptions; as follows:

## "Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the NHBOE certifies that:

- "Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the NHBOE certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS) published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups".
- 2. The NHBOE It will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are meet: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held.

The HFC statement it is part of the CT State Department of Education's Online Application and Claiming Systems for Child Nutrition Programs. Hard copies of the form are no longer required but statement must be presented and approved by vote from the school district board of education.