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**Evaluation of the Canned, Frozen, or Dried Fruits and VegetableS PILOT in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP-CFD)**

**SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY (SFA) DIRECTOR SURVEY**

Contact Information:

SFA Name:

District Name:

School Name (s):

Telephone number:

Your responses, along with those from other SFAs and districts in the pilot project, will be used to address study objectives, including satisfaction with the pilot and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential to the extent of the law and your name will not be identified with any answers you give. The data files that result from this study will not contain any personal identifiers or any characteristics that would make it possible for specific schools to be identified.

This survey is a part of the **Evaluation of the Canned, Frozen, or Dried Fruits and Vegetables in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** (FFVP-CFD) being conducted for the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. Your district and selected schools within your district have been selected as part of the evaluation. We are interested in learning more about your district and school(s) participation in the FFVP during the 2014-2015 school year. **Please consult with other personnel in your school if needed to complete this questionnaire.**

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**A. OPINIONS ABOUT THE FFVP**

Some or all of the elementary schools in your district provide **free fruits & vegetables** to students as snacks—separate from the school meal (breakfast or lunch). Below are statements or questions about the schools participating in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP).

Thinking about the **FFVP [FALL INSERT this school year] / [SPRING INSERT since January 1, 2015],** please mark **one answer** (**) for each question or statement below, unless indicated otherwise.

A1. This section asks your opinion about different aspects of your district’s Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. For each statement please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW** | | | | |
|  | **Strongly Agree** | **Somewhat Agree** | **Somewhat Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** | **Don’t Know  or Not Applicable** |
| a) I wish **more students** took the free **fruit snacks**. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b) I wish **more students** took the free **vegetable snacks**. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c) If not offered daily, the FFVP should be offered **more days during the week.** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d) The FFVP should be offered at least **two times a day**. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e) I think the (SPRING ONLY: standard) FFVP is ***NOT* worth the effort it takes**. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f) **SPRING ONLY:** I think the FFVP-CFD is ***NOT* worth the effort it takes**. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g) I think **students benefit** from the (SPRING ONLY: standard) FFVP. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| h) I would like (SPRING ONLY: the standard) FFVP to **continue** in my district. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| i) **SPRING ONLY:** I would like the **FFVP-CFD** to continue in my district. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| j) I would like FFVP to **expand** to other schoolsin my district. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| k) **My overall opinion** of FFVP is favorable. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

A2. Which of the following factors is a **challenge** to implementing the FFVP in your district? Would you say it is a major challenge, a minor challenge, or not a challenge?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW** | | |
|  | **Major Challenge** | **Minor Challenge** | **Not a Challenge** |
| a) **Student acceptance** of fruits and/or vegetables | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| b) Inadequate **training** or information for food service staff | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| c) Inadequate food service **staff time** | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| d) **Perishability** of FFVP fresh produce | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| e) Inconsistent **quality** of FFVP fresh produce | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| f) Inadequate **variety** of fruits and vegetables for FFVP | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| g) Inadequate **amounts** of fruits and vegetables available for FFVP | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| h) High **prices** for fruits and vegetables for FFVP | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| i) **Cost of non-food supplies** such as bowls and utensils for students’ snacks | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| j) Effort or cost of **preparing fruits and vegetables for** FFVP | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| k) Lack of **storage space/facilities** | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| l) **Rules** for purchasing fruits and vegetables for FFVP | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| m) **Restrictions** on **administrative cost for FFVP** | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| n)Amount of **paperwork/documentation for FFVP** | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| o) **Other** program **requirements/regulations for FFVP** | 1 | 2 | 3 |

**B. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUTSIDE PARTNERS**

B1. Does your district maintain **relationships with any outside partners** as part of the FFVP in the current school year?

*Please do* ***not*** *include suppliers from whom you* ***purchase*** *fruits or vegetables or other non-food supplies for the FFVP, unless they also separately donate items to the program* ***for free****.*

1 □ Yes

0 □ No **GO TO C1**

B1a. Please check all partnerships that apply for your district

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

1 □ Cooperative Extension Service

2 □ State or Tribal government agency (e.g. health department, agriculture department)

3 □ Universities, colleges, or other higher education institutions

4 □ Food wholesalers or other food distributors

5 □ Supermarkets, grocery stores, or other retail stores

6 □ City, county or other local government agency (e.g. health department, agriculture department)

7 □ Nutrition trade associations (e.g. Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, American School Nutrition Association)

8 □ Produce associations/commodity groups (e.g. United Fresh Produce Association)

9 □ Healthcare providers, including hospitals and clinics; doctors, nurses, nutritionists, dietitians/dietetic interns, or other clinicians

10 □ Produce for Better Health

11 □ Farmers’ markets

12 □ Community action agency, food bank, or other community/faith-based organization

13 □ Vocational clubs, (e.g. Future Farmers of America, 4H)

14 □ Health associations (e.g. State or National affiliates of the American Cancer, Diabetes, or Heart Associations)

15 □ Other *(specify)*  .

**C. APPLYING FOR THE canned, frozen, or dried (CFD)   
fruit and vegetables PILOT [FALL ONLY]**

When answering the questions in this next section, please think about all of the schools in your district that are participating in the CFD pilot.

C1. Did you contribute to the decision to apply for the CFD pilot for any schools in your district?

1 □ Yes

0 □ No **GO TO END**

C2. Who else contributed to the decision to apply for the CFD pilot for pilot schools in your district?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW** | | |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Don’t Know** |
| a) State CN agency | 1 | 0 | d |
| b) Other SFA-level staff | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| c) School superintendent or other school district administrator | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| d) Food service manager(s) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| e) Principal(s) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| f) Teacher(s) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| g) Parents | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| h) Other *(specify)* | 1 | 2 | 3 |

**OTHER THOUGHTS [FALL]**

C3. Is there anything you would like to share about the FFVP program or the pilot?

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY! [FALL ONLY]**

**D. CHANGES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE CANNED, FROZEN, OR DRIED (CFD) FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN FFVP [SPRING ONLY]**

When answering the questions in this next section, please think about all of the schools in your district that are participating in the CFD pilot.

D1. To incorporate CFD in the pilot schools, did you have to make any changes in the purchasing arrangements or specifications in place for the FFVP?

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

1 □ Yes, needed to add new vendor(s)

2 □ Yes, had to drop existing vendor(s)

3 □ Yes, had to increase orders for USDA donated foods

4 □ Yes, had to write new purchasing specifications

**OR**

0 □ No, no changes in FFVP purchasing arrangements or specifications were necessary

D2. To incorporate CFD, did you have to change any transportation arrangements for the FFVP to increase or reduce the frequency of deliveries?

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

1 □ Yes, needed to change transportation arrangements to increase the frequency of deliveries

2 □ Yes, had to change the transportation arrangements to reduce the frequency of deliveries

**OR**

0 □ No, no changes in transportation arrangements for FFVP deliveries were needed

D3. Which of the following school staff required additional training in order to incorporate CFD into the FFVP at pilot schools?

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

1 □ School foodservice manager/head cook

2 □ Teachers

3 □ Principals or other administrators

**OR**

0 □ No training of school staff was necessary

D4. Did any of the CFD pilot schools within your district change **where** fruit and vegetable snacks were distributed(e.g., classroom, kiosk) when incorporating CFD?

1 □ Yes, added new location(s)

2 □ Yes, dropped location(s) 3 □ Yes, added new location(s) but also dropped location(s)

0 □ No changes were made to locations where snacks are distributed

**E. FORMS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES OFFERED IN CFD SNACKS  
[SPRING ONLY]**

E1. What forms of **fruits** have the CFD pilot schools within your district offered through the FFVP since January 1, 2015?

1 □ Mainly fresh

2 □ Mainly canned, frozen, or dried

3 □ Mix of fresh and canned, frozen, or dried

E2. What forms of **vegetables** have the CFD pilot schools within your district offered through the FFVP since January 1, 2015?

1 □ Mainly fresh

2 □ Mainly canned, or frozen

3 □ Mix of fresh and canned, or frozen

**F. CHANGES SINCE INTRODUCING CFD IN FFVP [SPRING ONLY]**

Since January 1, 2015 when CFD implementation began in pilot schools in your district have there been **any changes in …**

F1a. FFVP nutrition education and promotion activities?

1 □ More activities

2 □ Fewer activities

3 □ No change

F1b. Involvement of outside partners in FFVP?

1 □ More involvement

2 □ Less involvement

3 □ No change

F1c. Variety of **fruits** offered in FFVP?

1 □ More variety

2 □ Less variety

3 □ No change

F1d. Variety of **vegetables** offered in FFVP?

1 □ More variety

2 □ Less variety

3 □ No change

F1e. Quality of **fruits** offered in FFVP?

1 □ Higher quality

2 □ Lower quality

3 □ No change

F1f. Quality of **vegetables** offered in FFVP?

1 □ Higher quality

2 □ Lower quality

3 □ No change

F1g. Portion sizes of fruits and vegetables offered in FFVP?

1 □ Larger portions

2 □ Smaller portions

3 □ No change

Since January 1, 2015 when CFD implementation began in pilot schools in your district have there been **any changes in …**

F1h. Frequency of offering **fresh** fruits and vegetables in FFVP?

1 □ More fresh

2 □ Less fresh

3 □ No change

F1i. Total per-student quantity of fruits and vegetables served each month in FFVP?

1 □ More served

2 □ Less served

3 □ No change

F2. Please indicate if any of the following factors have been a major benefit, a minor benefit, or not a benefit at all in implementing the CFD Pilot.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **MARK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW** | | | |
|  | **Major Benefit** | **Minor Benefit** | **Not a Benefit** | **Don’t Know** |
| a) Easier to purchase, transport, fewer deliveries needed | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b) Greater variety of FV available | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c) Easier to store than fresh | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| d) More affordable | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| e) Better/consistent quality of fresh **fruits** available | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| f) Better/consistent quality of fresh **vegetables** available | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| g) Less likely to run out of FV snacks | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| h) Less waste | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| i) Student acceptance | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| j) Seasonality is less of an issue | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| k) Less preparation time | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

**G. OTHER THOUGHTS [SPRING]**

G. Is there anything you would like to share about the FFVP program or the pilot?

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!**