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To: Julie Hinds

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Re: Nutrition Integrity Grant Requirement – Agenda Item for
June 10, 2014 – “Removal of Fryers Policy”

I am recommending this information for placement on the TPSD Child Nutrition website with approval from the school board for the meeting on June 10th meeting.

The Tupelo Public School District is working toward a district- wide “No Frying Policy” in our school cafeterias. As of June 1, 2014, there are eleven (11) cafeterias that have already implemented a “No Frying Policy” and are baking all entrees and frozen potatoes. Lawhon Elementary School has been awarded a Nutrition Integrity Grant for the 2014-2015 school year. These grants provide for the purchase of combi ovens that bake and/or steam food products served in the cafeteria that may have been previously fried. These new ovens allow cafeterias to bake products with a crispy outer coating while maintaining a moist inside texture. As part of the grant requirements, Lawhon Cafeteria has committed to removing their deep fat fryers and having a “No Frying Policy” at this school. We are looking forward to having the new combi steamer oven installed during the summer of 2014 and ready to use for the opening of school on August 4, 2014. It is the goal of our Child Nutrition Department to offer the best quality foods that meet or exceed the healthy and food-safe requirements of the federal school meal programs.

Your help is greatly appreciated with this request.