

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: School Meals in Transition

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB,
TB, SOR,) EB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: School foodservice programs face an ongoing “trilemma” balancing cost, participation, and nutrition quality. Changes mandated by the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 would strengthen nutritional standards for meals and competitive foods and set minimum levels for prices charged, while new options allow more schools to offer free meals to all students at reduced administrative burden. This report presents a review of recent research results and new data on school lunch participation rates.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 02/10/15 End: 05/14/15 Completed: 05/14/15

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

