



MEMORANDUM

TO: School Food Authorities (SFAs)
FROM: The Department of Agriculture and Markets
DATE: 4/9/2024
SUBJECT: Postponement of Renewal audits for SFAs participating in the 30% NYS Initiative

The Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM), in light of the impact of the multiple changes in interpretation of the relationship between the 30% NYS Initiative subsidy and the State CEP reimbursement, have concluded that all applicants of the program who were scheduled for a renewal audit based upon the length of time they have been participating in the program will have their audits postponed until the 2024-2025 school year.

SFAs will still need to apply annually to the 30% NYS Initiative program to receive the additional subsidy, and the audit process for new schools will remain unchanged. This postponement of audit does not apply to SFAs who are applying to the 30% NYS Initiative for the first time, nor does it apply to SFAs that have applied in the past but have failed meet the criteria for acceptance into the program.

SFAs applying to the 30% NYS Initiative for the 2023-24 school year, please follow the standard Application Process. For more questions on the [30% Application Process](#), please see the "Guidance" section on our 30% New York State Initiative webpage.

- [Application Process – 30% Initiative](#) Instructions Document
URL: <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/application-process-30-initiative>
- Webpage for the [30% New York State Initiative](#)
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Please feel free to reach out to the 30% NYS Initiative Team at the Department of Agriculture and Markets via email at 30percent@agriculture.ny.gov or by phone at (518) 485-1050 with any questions pertaining to the program.