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To: Wisconsin Authorized Representatives of Private Schools

From: Julie Cox, RDN, CD – Assistant Director, School Nutrition Team

Subject: Announcing: Wisconsin Student Chef Competition for the 2018-19 School Year

Wisconsin Team Nutrition is pleased to announce the seventh annual Whipping Up Wellness, Wisconsin Student Chef Competition. The goal of the competition is to provide middle and high school students with hands-on cooking experience that will give them knowledge and skills necessary to prepare healthy meals. Teams will compete to develop a nutritious, student-friendly recipe that can be incorporated easily into the school food service program and used at home. The competition consists of a Recipe Contest and a Cooking Competition.

Recipe Contest

- Schools must participate in the National School Lunch Program to be eligible for the competition.
- Teams must develop an **original**, nutritious recipe that includes a red/orange vegetable and meets additional competition requirements. For information regarding recipe requirements and scoring criteria, please visit Wisconsin Team Nutrition webpage at dpi.wi.gov/team-nutrition/whipping-up-wellness.
- Teams must submit a team application, nutritional analysis, student questionnaire, and electronic photograph of their dish to Wisconsin Team Nutrition by **March 15, 2019**.
- Qualifying recipes may be included in the seventh annual Wisconsin Student Chef Competition Cookbook.

Cooking Competition

- The top five finalists from the Recipe Contest will be invited to prepare their recipe during the Cooking Competition at Madison Area Technical College – Truax Campus on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Please note that only one team per school district will be invited to participate in the cooking competition.
- Dishes will be judged on taste, student appeal, presentation, and creativity.
- The five finalists from the Cooking Competition will receive a banner to display at their school and recognition on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website.

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For the cooking competition, the top five finalists will be asked to adjust their recipe to increase the yield to 48-50 servings. Finalists are encouraged to work with school nutrition personnel to determine ease of recipe use. Funding will be provided for the finalists to assist in practicing and perfecting recipes prior to the cooking competition.

Application materials are available on the Wisconsin Team Nutrition webpage at dpi.wi.gov/team-nutrition/whipping-up-wellness. Application packets (team application, nutritional analysis, student questionnaire, and photo of the dish) must be submitted electronically by **Friday, March 15, 2019**. Application packets submitted after that date WILL NOT be considered for the competition. Submit applications to DPIFNSTeamNutrition@dpi.wi.gov.

Please share this information with family and consumer science teachers, school nutrition personnel, and other educators who may be interested in this opportunity. Questions regarding this opportunity can be directed to Alicia Dill at 608-266-2741 or alicia.dill@dpi.wi.gov or Kelly Williams at 608-267-9120 or kelly.williams@dpi.wi.gov.