

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

**Department of Education
School Meal Programs**

The Subcommittee on Education recommends the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for up to \$150,000 for a Professional Standards and Training grant.

This grant is for assisting school nutrition staff meet the professional standards established under the federal 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. A recent federal rule set minimum standards for program directors at both the state and local levels. In addition, continuing education requirements for all school nutrition program employees were established. Grant funds would be used for both on-line and in-person training. The application is due June 8th and there is no match requirement.

The Subcommittee on Education recommends approval of the request.