

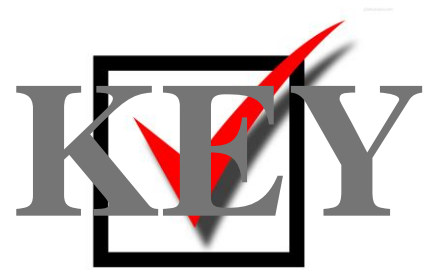
# ECONOMIC RESEARCH INDIVIDUAL (155)

—Secondary—

REGIONAL – 2015

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*Workplace Skills Assessment Program* competition.



## TOPIC

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP), as promoted by First Lady Michelle Obama, has come under scrutiny because of the increase in costs to public schools. Research how this program has affected school budgets. A portion of your research should be concerned with whether the costs associated with the new guidelines exceed the benefit of healthier lunch options for students. Your research may include the following but is not limited to:

- What has been the economic impact of the NSLP on school budgets across your state?
- What are some benefits of the NSLP?
- What are some concerns associated with NSLP?
- Do the benefits outweigh the costs?

**Contestants who do not submit an entry that follows this topic will be disqualified.**

## **JUDGING PROCEDURE**

- Contestants will be introduced by contestant number.
- As a team of judges, formulate two to three questions to ask at the conclusion of the presentation. Be sure to ask the same questions of each contestant.
- Contestants will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
- The presentation will be no more than five (5) minutes; followed by judges' questions not to exceed ten (10) minutes.
- Excuse contestants upon completion of judges' questions.
- **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) contestants.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties.
- Administrator will fill out ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges.
- If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section.
- Give administrator all Judges' Rating Sheets, Judge Evaluation Sheets and contest materials.
- No audience is allowed in the contest room.

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