

MEMO

TO Sponsors of the School Nutrition Program

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RE USDA Waiver Requests for 2022-23 School Year

MESSAGE:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN), has requested a waiver from the following regulations for the 2022-23 school year to facilitate program operations and protect health and safety of staff and children in light of the COVID-19 pandemic:

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP):

The following waivers provide needed flexibility and allow State and local Program operators to overcome challenges resulting from COVID-19. It is expected that Program operators will only use these flexibilities for the duration and extent that they are needed.

- Paid Lunch Equity [42 U.S.C. 1760(p)(2) and 7 CFR 210.14(e)] (*July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023*)
- Use of Prior Year Eligibility Determinations for School Year 2022-2023 Carryover [42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(C) and 7 CFR 245.6(c)(2)] (*July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023*)

This is a required public notice that PDE, DFN submitted a request to USDA for waivers from the aforementioned regulations and does not imply the waivers have been approved at this time.

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