

TO Sponsors of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

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RE USDA Waiver Request to Allow School Food Authorities (SFAs) to Serve FFVP at Sites Other Than Approved Elementary Schools During COVID-19-Related School Closure

MESSAGE:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is seeking a waiver from USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to allow SFAs that operate the FFVP to serve FFVP at sites other than approved FFVP elementary schools so that children who would typically receive FFVP items may continue to do so if there is no meal service at their usual elementary school.

This is a required public notice that PDE submitted a request to USDA for a waiver of the requirement in the National School Lunch Act, Section 19(d)(1)(c) that that requires that each school selected to participate in FFVP be an elementary school, and USDA FNS Memo SP12-2020 *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program During COVID-19*, released on April 9, 2020, Question 5, stating that only elementary schools approved for FFVP may serve FFVP during COVID-19, and does not imply the waiver has been approved at this time.

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