

TO Sponsors of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

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RE Pennsylvania Department of Education Waiver Request to USDA
for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Operation at Alternate Sites
in School Year 2020-2021

MESSAGE:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is seeking a waiver from USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to allow School Food Authorities that operate the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) in School Year 2020-2021 to distribute FFVP at sites other than approved FFVP elementary schools so that children who would typically receive FFVP 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 requires that each school selected to participate in FFVP be an elementary school, and does not imply the waiver has been approved at this time.

Questions may be directed to Vonda Ramp at vramp@pa.gov.