

**TO** Sponsors of the School Nutrition Programs (SNP)

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**RE** USDA Waiver Request for Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines

**MESSAGE:**

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN) is requesting statewide waivers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to extend regulatory Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) deadlines as follows:

<b>CEP Requirement</b>	<b>Statutory/Regulatory Citation</b>	<b>Annual Deadline</b>	<b>Extended Deadline Requested</b>
Data Used to Calculate Identified Student Percentage (ISP)	Sections 11(a)(1)(F)(iii)(I)(bb), (a)(1)(F)(iv)(I)(bb), (a)(1)(F)(v)(I), and (a)(1)(F)(v)(II)(bb) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA), 42 U.S.C. 1759a, and FNS regulations at 7 CFR 245.9(f)(3)(i), (f)(4)(i), (f)(4)(v)(A), (f)(4)(viii), and (f)(4)(ix)	April 1	Anytime between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022
Local Education Agency (LEA) Notification	Section 11(a)(1)(F)(x)(IV) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1759a and 7 CFR 245.9(f)(5)	April 15	June 30, 2022
State Agency Notification	Section 11(a)(1)(F)(x)(II) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1759a and 7 CFR 245.9(f)(6)	April 15	June 30, 2022
State Agency Publication	Section 11(a)(1)(F)(x)(III) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1759a and 7 CFR 245.9(f)(7)	May 1	June 30, 2022
Elect CEP for the 2022-23 SY	Section 11(a)(1)(F)(x)(I) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1759a and FNS regulations at 7 CFR 245.9(f)(4)(i)	June 30	September 30, 2022

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

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