

**TO** Sponsors of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

**FROM** Vonda Ramp, M.S., R.D. *Vonda Ramp*  
State Director, Child Nutrition Programs

**DATE** October 13, 2021

**RE** USDA Waiver Request to Extend Hearing Official Determination

**MESSAGE:**

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Pennsylvania Department of Education is applying for a statewide waiver from USDA to allow the determination of a hearing official to extend beyond 60 days from the date of an appeal request in the CACFP as required in 7CFR 226.6(k)(5)(ix).

Questions may be directed to Vonda Ramp at [vramp@pa.gov](mailto:vramp@pa.gov).