

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

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**RE** USDA Waiver Request Regarding Oversight Activities of the Child Nutrition Programs

**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 for the following:

Annual Review Requirements for the CACFP-unannounced reviews

PDE, DFN is requesting a waiver of the second sentence of 7 CFR 226.6(m)(6) that states “at least 15 percent of the total number of facility reviews required must be unannounced.”

Annual Review Requirements for the CACFP-meal observation

PDE, DFN is requesting a waiver of the meal observation requirement as cited in 7 CFR 226.6(m)(3)(vii).

On-Site Reviews for the SNP

PDE, DFN is requesting a waiver of regulation 7 CFR 210.8(a)(1) and 220.11(d)(1) which requires SFAs participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to conduct on-site monitoring visits by February 1 each school year in order to allow SFAs the entire school year to complete these reviews.

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