

## Public Notification – Summer 2022 and 2022-23 School Year Child Nutrition Programs Waiver Requests

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The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) submitted a request to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (MARO) for the Child Nutrition Programs to waive certain State agency and sponsor requirements in an effort to eliminate meal service interruptions and allow flexibility for monitoring activities in the event of COVID-19 related events. Information regarding the approval or denial of these waiver requests will be posted here and will be provided to all sponsors via email once the USDA makes the determination.

The following areas have been submitted for consideration:

- Non-congregate meal service, parent/guardian pickup, and meal service times during Summer 2022 and the school year.
- Offer versus serve during the school year.
- Administrative components of the local school wellness policy triennial assessment, food service management company (FSMC) contract duration, and administrative review onsite requirements for the school year.
- Pre-determined national school lunch program (NSLP) reporting requirements.
- Parent/guardian pickup and alternate site approval for the fresh fruit and vegetable program (FFVP).
- Meals at school sites for unanticipated school closures
- Onsite monitoring visits for the child and adult care food program (CACFP)
- Paid lunch equity and use of prior year eligibility determinations for carryover

The goal of these waivers is to allow for efficient and cost-effective program management and reduce the administrative burden for sponsoring organizations and the D.C. State agency staff.

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