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Public Notification – Summer Food Service Program Waiver Requests

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) announced today that it will request statewide waivers from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) of statutory and regulatory requirements in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), in accordance with federal guidance.

ALSDE is requesting these waivers for the SFSP for summer 2022 operations, May 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022, and during unanticipated school closers between October 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023.

The following waivers have been submitted to USDA for consideration:

- **Waiver Request 1-** First Week Site Visits requirement at 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2)
- **Waiver Request 2-** Applications for Closed Enrolled Sites requirement at 42 U.S.C. 1761(a)(1)(A)(i)(III) and 7 CFR.15(f)
- **Waiver Request 3-** Offer Verses Serve requirement at 42 U.S.C.1761(f)(7) and 7 CFR 225.16(f)(1)(ii)
- **Waiver Request 4-** Meal Service Time requirements under 7 CFR 225.16 (c)(1) and (c)(2)

ALSDE is seeking these waivers to reinstate the rescinded flexibilities that allow sponsors and State Agency to operate more efficient and cost-effective and to reduce the administrative burden for sponsoring organizations and the State Agency.

Notice will be provided to all sponsors via email once USDA makes its determination on the waivers. Summer Food Service sponsors do not need to request individual waivers.