

## Public Notification – Summer Food Service Program Waiver Requests

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announced today that it will request statewide waivers from the Food and Nutrition Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) of statutory and regulatory requirements in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), in accordance with federal guidance. The waivers relate to the SFSP flexibilities and policies that were rescinded through Policy Memoranda SFSP 01-2019, *Summer Food Service Program Memoranda Rescission* and SFSP 03-2020 and *Meal Service During Unanticipated School Closures*.

The following waivers have been submitted to the USDA for consideration:

- Waiver Request 1 – Waiver extending area eligibility to closed enrolled sites
- Waiver Request 2 – Waiver of meal-time restrictions; specifically, the length of time that must pass between meals and snacks and the duration of the meal times, with approval to be determined by the SCDE on a case-by-case basis
- Waiver Request 3 – Waiver to allow school sites to serve meals for reimbursement during unanticipated school closures

SCDE is seeking these waivers to reinstate the rescinded flexibilities that allow the sponsors and State Agency to operate more efficient and cost-effective and to reduce the administrative burden for sponsoring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 the USDA makes its determination on the waivers. Summer Food Service Program sponsors do not need to request individual waivers.