

Waiver Request from the Connecticut State Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Prospective Waivers for Non-Congregate Meal Service in School Year (SY) 2023-24

Summary

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting a waiver to allow flexibility in ensuring program access during unanticipated school closures either with or without virtual learning.

Waiver Request

Connecticut schools may experience unanticipated school closures during SY 2023-24 which may limit meal service operations due to natural disasters, unscheduled major building repairs, court orders to school safety or other issues, labor-management disputes, or similar unanticipated causes. This waiver will allow the CSDE to approve non-congregate meals, with or without virtual learning, for up to 10 consecutive operating days for a SFA without prior notice to FNS, allowing a quick respond to unanticipated school closures. This waiver will apply to any CSDE-approved SFA in good standing operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) during SY 2023-24.



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