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To: Summer Food Service Program Sponsors and Partners

From: Amanda Cullen, Director, Community Nutrition Programs

Subject: Public Notification: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Waiver Requests

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has submitted the following statewide waivers to the requirements for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Inspector General found that USDA waived SFSP regulatory requirements on a nationwide basis through policy memoranda, which according to law may be waived only upon request from a state agency. The affected SFSP waivers were rescinded effective October 11, 2018. The DPI has requested that USDA approve the SFSP waivers before the 2020 summer program begins. These waivers will reinstate the rescinded flexibilities and policies to allow for efficient and cost effective program operations and reduce administrative burden to sponsoring organizations and DPI staff. SFSP sponsors do not need to individually request the waivers.

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The DPI has requested the following SFSP requirements be waived for the entire state of Wisconsin:

- That sponsors shall visit each of their sites at least once during the first week of operation under the Program and shall promptly take such actions as are necessary to correct any deficiencies.
- That school food authority sponsors shall visit each of their sites at least once during the first week of operation under the Program and shall promptly take such actions as are necessary to correct any deficiencies.
- That SFSP sponsors that successfully administer the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) shall visit each of their sites at least once during the first week of operation under the Program and shall promptly take such actions as are necessary to correct any deficiencies.
- To extend the statutory and regulatory provisions that authorize the Offer Versus Serve option for school food authorities.

- For regulatory requirements of meal service times and duration.
- To extend area eligibility to closed enrolled sites.
- That during unanticipated school closures SFSP meals may be served at school sites.

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