

Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request

Maine Child Nutrition DOE

*NSLP Balance to High Calculations for State Agency Waiver
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- 1. State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information:** Maine Child Nutrition Department of Education, Walter Beesley
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- 2. Region:** NERO
- 3. Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing:** Maine is requesting a state-wide waiver of the requirement to monitor LEA's net cash resources as it relates to Excess Cash for SY 2020.
- 4. Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted.** School Districts have had extenuating circumstances with the Unanticipated School closure and the challenges created in the attempt to meet Summer School feeding guidelines. Keeping information updated for the District School Nutrition claiming has been difficult. Districts are struggling finalizing there financial report to submit.
- 5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations):** 7 CFR 210.14b Net Cash Resources: net cash resources to not exceed 3 months average expenditures
- 6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring:** Balance To High report will be reviewed starting in January 2021 and districts that appear to not be in compliance based on the Balance to High Report from September 2020 will be monitored. A excel spreadsheet will be used to track the data throughout the year for the Balance to High Districts from September 2020.
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- 8. Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level.** There are no State level regulatory barriers.

9. **Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation:** Maine does not anticipate any challenges.
10. **Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]:**
This waiver will not affect the cost of the Programs.
11. **Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period:** September 2020.
12. **Proposed monitoring and review procedures:** Maine will continue to review per federal regulations throughout SY 2021.
13. **Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS) Balance To High report will be reviewed starting in January 2021 and districts that appear to not be in compliance based on the Balance to High Report from September 2020 will be monitored. A excel spreadsheet will be used to track the data.**
14. **Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:**
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/programs/nslp/specialprovisions>
15. **Signature and title of requesting official:**

Title: Director Child Nutrition



Requesting official's email address for transmission of response:
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TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:

FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.

Date request was received at Regional Office:

- Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA**

- **Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations:**