USDA’s Final Rule allows school nutrition programs to reduce the amount of whole grain-rich items offered in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program from 100% to 50% of the weekly grain offerings. However, the Maine Department of Education is requiring school nutrition programs to offer 100% whole grain-rich options. If a school nutrition program finds this to be a hardship, they may complete the form below. Exemptions will only be considered for the specific items listed.

Submit completed forms to the Maine Department of Education, Child Nutrition, 136 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 or via Email: child.nutrition@maine.gov If approved, you will receive a copy of the approved form.

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| **District Information** |
| District Name |  |
| Name of Schools Requesting a Waiver | 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |
| 4. |
| 5. |
| 6. |
| Contact Name & Title |  |
| Contact Email |  |
| **Exemption Requested For:** | **Reason for request:** |
| **€** Brown Rice |  |
| **€** Whole Grain Hamburger/Hot Dog Bun |  |
| **€** Whole Grain Flour Tortilla |  |
| **€** Whole Grain Pasta |  |
| **Agreement** |
| **I understand that the exemption expires on June 30, 2020, and the school nutrition program will comply with the requirement to offer at least half of the weekly grain offerings as whole grain-rich.** |
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| ***School Nutrition Director Name*** | ***School Nutrition Director Signature*** | ***Date*** |
|  |  |  |
| ***Superintendent Name*** | ***Superintendent Signature*** | ***Date*** |

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Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Maine DOE Staff Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_