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The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Health and Nutrition Services is submitting a waiver request to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). This request is to allow 1% flavored milk to be sold or provided in the Special Milk Program. Current regulations and waivers allow 1% flavored milk to be served as part of school meals. The Special Milk Program is not included in these regulations and waivers.

This inconsistency is adding challenges and stress to an already tumultuous time for schools as they are having supply chain challenges and labor shortages due to the pandemic. If approved, MDE is requesting the waiver be in effect from January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022.

Questions may be directed to Diane Golzynski, Director of Office of Health and Nutrition Services, at golzynskid@michigan.gov

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