



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin

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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 served as an a la carte item or competitive food under Smart Snacks rules of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Current regulations and waivers allow 1% flavored milk to be served as part of school meals, but not sold separately. If it is sold separately, it must be non-fat. 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, golzynskid@michigan.gov

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