



Good afternoon, Lynelle,  
Please kindly confirm you received this email.

Attached is the approval of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) request for a waiver pertaining to Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO).

Also, please find below a summary of the approval:

- On May 16, 2025, FNS approved NDDPI's statewide waiver request for certain requirements in the SFSP and SSO for summer 2025 operations.
  - For SFSP sponsors, in good standing, to use SFSP offer versus serve (OVS) meal service parameters on a case-by-case basis.
  - When outdoor congregate meal service operations at SFSP or SSO sites are limited due to extreme heat or air quality concerns. To support continued access to nutritious meals, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) recognizes that certain operational flexibilities may be necessary.
    - Under these waiver approvals, local Program operators may serve meals in a non-congregate setting, adjust the time of meal service, and allow parent pick up.
    - Heat waivers may only be used on days when the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Heat Advisory, an Excessive Heat Warning, or an Excessive Heat Watch for the area in which an approved outdoor meal site is located.
    - Air quality waivers may only be used on days when the area is experiencing an Air Quality Index (AQI) "purple" flag or higher.
- FNS has determined that approval of this waiver request would facilitate the ability of the State and local Program operators to carry out the purpose of the SFSP and SSO.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team.

Best,

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