



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

March 25, 2020

Dr. Lilly Bouie, Regional Director  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Food and Nutrition Service  
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 8T36  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Dr. Bouie:

Based on the COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #4, Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs issued by USDA-FNS on March 25, 2020, South Carolina Department of Education elects to be subject to the waiver.

The State Agency will inform the Program operators of this waiver that is effective immediately and provide instructions for submitting requests, as needed. The State Agency will emphasize the importance that Program operators maintain and meet the nutrition standards for each Program to the greatest extent possible.

The State Agency will review Program operators' requests on a case-by-case basis and approval will be granted based on requests that are targeted and justified based upon disruptions to the availability of food products resulting from unprecedented impacts of COVID-19.

We appreciate the guidance of USDA-SERO during this unprecedented health emergency as we strive to provide nutritious meals to children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ronald Jones".

Ronald Jones  
Director, Office of Health and Nutrition

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