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**PUBLIC NOTICE:
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM
STATE WAIVER REQUEST(S)
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In accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Nutrition Services (FNS) policy memorandum, CACFP12-2018, SFSP05-2018 - *Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol-Revised*, May 24, 2018, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is seeking approval for waivers of statutory and/or regulatory Program requirements.

Four waiver requests will be submitted to the USDA FNS Southeast Regional Office (SERO) for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). DECAL will be requesting use of waivers involving the following for Unanticipated School Closures (when there is no virtual learning):

- (1) Non-Congregate Meal Service during Unanticipated School Closures (NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1766(f)(1)(A))
- (2) Meal Service Times for Unanticipated School Closures (7 CFR 226.17a(m) and 226.20(k))
- (3) Parent and Guardian Meal Pick-Up during Unanticipated School Closures (NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1766(f)(1)(A) and 7 CFR 226.2 (Meals))
- (4) Enrichment Activity for Unanticipated School Closures (NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1766(r)(2)(B) and 7 CFR 226.17(a)(b)(1)(ii) and (iii))

Copies of the official requests can be found here:

<http://www.dec.state.ga.us/Nutrition/SFSPWaiverRequests.aspx>

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