

**CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM STATE WAIVER REQUEST TEMPLATE**  
**Waiver Request for Lower Kuskokwim School District, Joann Alexie Memorial School**

**1. State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information:**

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**2. Region:** Western Region

**3. Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing:**

This waiver request is on behalf of the Lower Kuskokwim School District, Joann Alexie Memorial School in Atmautluak, Alaska. The SFA is in good standing.

**4. Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(iii) and 12(l)(2)(A)(iv) of the NSLA]:**

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Child Nutrition Programs (DEED CNP) is requesting a waiver for the Joann Alexie Memorial School in Atmautluak, Alaska due to a water issue in the community. Atmautluak is an Alaskan Native village with a population of 370 residents, current school enrollment of 102 students with 83% eligible for free or reduced-price meals without application, 100% CEP.

This village is off the road system meaning that food/supplies are only accessible by small airplanes. The community water supply is from a well; however, the pump broke this week and it is estimated to take at least a month to receive the equipment needed and make the repairs. Until such time, there is no running water in the village and school has been closed to students. Kitchen staff may not prep food in any way that would require handwashing, cooking, or cutting. The school is currently delivering schoolwork and meals daily to the homes of students; congregate feeding is not an option.

**5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations). [Section 12(I)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]:**

DEED CNP is requesting a waiver of the following:

- NSLA, 42 USC 1753(b)(1)(A), the Child Nutrition Act, 42 USC 1773(b)(1)(A) to allow non-congregate meal service in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program,
- 7 CFR 210.10(l) and 7 CFR 220.8(l) to all the SFA to serve at mealtimes that are achievable in a meal delivery system; and
- 7 CFR 210.10(c) and 7 CFR 220.8(c) meal pattern to allow the SFA to serve the SFSP meal pattern under 7 CFR 225.16 which is more conducive a zero on-site prep school environment.

**6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring:**

The SFA is seeking to procure shelf-stable prepackaged meals to support students learning at home; these meals can functionally meet the SFSP meal pattern, but there are no packaged meal programs currently that meet the NSLP meal pattern, particularly in vegetable subgroups. If approved, the SFA will maintain point-of-service meal counts, menus, and production records. The SFA will report the total number of meals served under this waiver.

**7. Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level. [Section 12(I)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:**

If this situation were COVID related, waivers to the regulations are in place; however, this situation may not utilize those waivers and will not meet the requirements under 7 CFR 210 and 7 CFR 220.

**8. Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation:**

DEED CNP does not anticipate these waivers will present any challenges to the SA or SFSP sponsors; the Lower Kuskokwim School District may face significant unallowable costs if the waiver is not approved.

**9. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(I)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]:**

DEED CNP does not anticipate this waiver will increase the overall cost of the program to the Federal government because the site is approved to participate, this waiver merely waives barriers to participation due to the building closure.

**10. Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period:**

To be effective immediately until the water pump/well is repaired; estimated to be no less than one month.

**11. Proposed monitoring and review procedures:**

DEED CNP will request meal counts, and may monitor menus, meal count process, and production records.

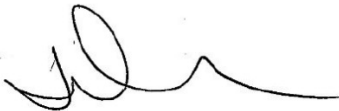
**12. Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS);**

DEED CNP will report to FNS the total meals served under this waiver.

**13. Link to or copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(I)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:**

<https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/>

**14. Signature and Title of requesting official:**



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**TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:**

*FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.*

**Date request was received at Regional Office:**

- Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA**

**Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations:**