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## **SDE seeks waiver for administrative and procurement review cycle flexibility**

(BOISE) – The Idaho State Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) has submitted a waiver request to the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to extend the current three-year Administrative Review Cycle to a five-year review cycle and align procurement reviews to mirror the administrative review cycle.

The request to extend the review cycle is expected to reduce administrative burden for School Food Authorities (SFAs) and provide the opportunity for additional training on an as needed basis. Policy Memo SP 12-2019, Flexibility for the Administrative Review Cycle Requirement, provides the state agency the opportunity to request a waiver to extend the review cycle due to feedback about the difficulties of the shorter review cycle, both for the state agencies conducting the reviews, and for School Food Authorities preparing for and responding to reviews.

If the extension is granted, Idaho CNP will provide detailed information and instructions to NSLP and SBP sponsors on the required reporting information and timelines for all policy waivers granted by USDA FNS.

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