

Appendix H.12
Response to Public Comment 7

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Subject: FNS response to public comment on the School Meals Operations Study

Dear Lori Adkins and Patricia Montague:

Thank you for your submission on behalf of the School Nutrition Association to the Federal Register notice requesting comments on the proposed information collection for the School Meals Operations Study, published February 1, 2023. FNS's response is provided in the attached letter. In addition, SNA's comments and FDA's response will be included in the forthcoming Information Collection Request submission to the Office of Management and Budget, which will be announced via the Federal Register.

Regards,

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Dear Lori Adkins and Patricia Montague:

Thank you for your response on behalf of the School Nutrition Association (SNA) to the Federal Register notice requesting comments on the proposed information collection for the School Meals Operations Study, published February 1, 2023.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) appreciates your input about the School Meals Operations Study and offers the following response to the comments in your letter:

- **Recognize that school districts are continuing to deal with COVID-19, which may be reflected in information gathered about school meal operations.**

We acknowledge the significant impact COVID-19 has had on school districts and school meal operations since March 2020 and understand that the information we gather will reflect changes in program operations that continue in school year 2022-2023.

- **Use streamlined data collection processes and contactless protocols for School Food Authorities (SFAs).** We will collect data from SFAs using a web-based survey, only. It is contactless. We have streamlined the survey by programming it with skip logic so that respondents will only see the questions that are relevant for them. SFA directors who pretested the survey reported an average of 27 minutes to complete the survey. Therefore, we estimate the burden to be about 30 minutes, which is lower than the estimated 1 hour required to complete the previous SFA survey.

Thank you for your interest in the School Meals Operations study, and for submitting these comments.

Sincerely,

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