



NDSNA Legislative Update

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Reality check

- Uncertainty
- Divide on waivers
- Relationships
 - SNA
 - NDSNA



Proposed Bills

- S.3979- Support Kids Not Red Tape Act of 2022
 - Introduced by Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) 3/31/2022
 - Contains a path to “normality”
- H.R. 6613- Keeping School Meals Flexible Act
 - Introduce by Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) 2/4/2022

Both bills support extending waivers in some capacity.



Legislative Action Conference (LAC)

- March 6-8 2022 in Washington, DC
- Lynelle Johnson, Dana Rieth, Deb Egeland
- Senator Hoeven, Representative Armstrong
 - Senator Kramer's Staff



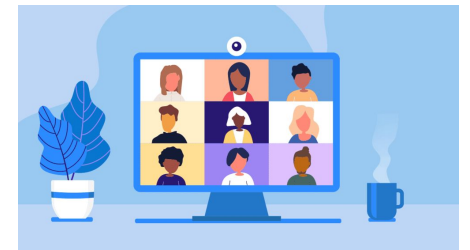
The Big Ask

- CONGRESS GIVE USDA THE AUTHORITY TO EXTEND WAIVERS
 - Meal pattern waivers
 - Reimbursement rates
 - Non Congregate
 - Much more!



Continued Advocacy

- SNA, FRAC (Food Research and Action Center) and ND Superintendents try to extend waivers
 - May 6, 2022 zoom meetings with Senator Hoeven's staff
 - IT'S NOT JUST FREE MEALS!
 - Meal participation decreasing-jobs?
 - Meeting school lunch meal pattern
 - Increased food cost and what that means for our families
 - Time is of the essence



FUN FACT

Deb Egeland's dad
is on the
Korean War
Veterans Memorial!



What we know right now

- Meal waivers set to expire June 30, 2022
 - Students will have to pay for meals
 - Families must complete free and reduced meal application
 - Menus must meet meal pattern requirements although supply chain issues continue
 - Federal reimbursement rate for breakfast and lunch are still unknown



SMALL BUT MIGHTY! YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Contact: Senator Hoeven

<https://www.hoeven.senate.gov/contact/email-the-senator/form>



QUESTIONS?

