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COVID-19 response resources for Student Survey of district counseling/mental health needs:

On March 25, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued Senate Bill 117: National Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children. This waiver is not mandatory and eligible program operators participate at their own discretion.

To participate in this waiver, program operators must have in place and retain the following:

- A written plan in place to ensure that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children, and that duplicate meals are not distributed to any child.
- A record-keeping system to track that meals are distributed only to parents or guardians of eligible children; that meals are not distributed to children; and that meals are distributed in a manner consistent with the safety and health needs of both program operators and participants.

Under this waiver, eligible program operators may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home for their eligible children, and that duplicate meals are not distributed to any child.

However, program operators must retain accurate records of the meals served under the waiver and report to the CDE at the conclusion of the COVID-19 emergency feeding.

A written plan must have in place and retain the following:

- A system for documenting the meals served to eligible children.
- A system for documenting the meals taken home by parents or guardians.

The new law includes specific language providing that it does not waive federal requirements imposed under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, among other provisions.

Signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on March 17, SB 117 waives certain special education timelines if the regular school session reconvenes.

California has submitted its application to the U.S. Dept. of Education requesting a waiver to allow for emergency operations account funds to support the state's response to the pandemic. Read the letter from DOF director to the legislature from DOF director of Finance has transferred $1.3 billion from the state's reserve account to the Disaster Response—Signaling more fiscal challenges ahead for California's budget due to COVID-19.