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**Kansas Department of Education – Free Lunch
ISSUES-PROGRAMS**

A. Narrative describing the issue:

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) announces the participation of all Kansas school districts and many private schools in the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program. The USDA, which for more than 40 years has provided federal funding for schools to offer free breakfasts and lunches over the summer, had in spring 2020 allowed schools to offer that program outside of the summer in the confusing, early stages of the pandemic and its effects on U.S. schools.

Typically, the free summer meal program was restricted to schools and districts in areas with high concentrations of low-income students, but school districts were also granted waivers from that restriction, among others, to be able to serve students who had been learning remotely last school year. The waivers also allowed schools to serve meals for multiple days, including the weekends.

States and districts wanted waivers extended to plan for safe reopening in the fall," Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said in a statement. "USDA answered the call to help America's schools and childcare institutions serve high quality meals while being responsive to their local needs as children safely return to their regular routines.

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B. Narrative describing the program:

All Kansas students can receive a free breakfast and lunch through the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option each school day in the 2022-23 school year ensuring they are fueled and ready to learn.

With the continuation of the program, schools will receive "higher-than-normal" reimbursements for each meal served under the program to allow schools greater financial flexibility while emphasizing nutritious meals that provide fruits and vegetables, milk, whole grains and reasonable calorie levels.

There are two 30-second TV spots and one 30-second radio spot.

C. Program Information: (list date/time/duration or attach affidavits)

<u>TITLE OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
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1/1/22-5/31/22
KDOE Free Lunches