MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

FLEXIBILITY FOR WHOLE GRAIN-RICH PASTA IN SCHOOL YEARS 2014-2015 AND 2015-2016

DIRECTIONS:

Fax or email the completed form to: Food and Nutrition Services Section at (573) 526-3897 or email to schoolfoods@dese.mo.gov
Subject Line: Flexibility for Whole Grain-Rich Pasta.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) memo SP 47-2014 allows Local Education Agencies (LEAs) the ability to request flexibility to serve enriched pasta rather than whole grain-rich pasta, upon Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) approval. Flexibility is offered for those LEAs that removed previously popular pasta menu items that, when produced with whole grain-rich pasta, did not hold well or were not accepted by students and the LEA demonstrated hardship in obtaining acceptable whole grain-rich pasta for the item. LEAs must submit this form to request flexibility. An email will be returned to the Authorized Representative regarding approval or denial of flexibility. This flexibility is granted only until acceptable products are available and the LEA continues to demonstrate a negative impact.

Questions regarding this form contact (573) 751-3526 or schoolfoods@dese.mo.gov

LEA INFORMATION:

LEA AGREEMENT NUMBER:	LEA NAME:	EMAIL ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Menued Pasta Item:

Grades served: Pre-Kindergarten ☐ Elementary ☐ Junior/Middle ☐ High School ☐   (check all that apply)

Product *	Reasons for requesting flexibility (check all that apply)
Brand: Type: ☐ Whole Grain-Rich or ☐ 100% Grain	☐ Students did not eat the product. ☐ Students did not select the product. ☐ When cooked, product's texture, appearance, or taste was not accepted by students. ☐ When held, product's texture, appearance, or taste was not accepted by students. ☐ LEA received negative parent and/or student feedback about product. ☐ LEA has been unable to find an acceptable replacement product. ☐ Other:

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*Page 2 is provided for additional pasta items offered to students.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TITLE:	DATE:

FNS, DEPARTMENT USE ONLY   ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

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