Date: July 7, 2014

To: All State Directors

From: Sue Bartenfield, Branch Manager

School and Community Nutrition

Kentucky Department of Education

Re: Flexibility for Whole Grain-Rich Pasta in SY 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, SP 47-2014

Per Policy Memo SP 47-2014, FNS has granted flexibility to use enriched pasta during school years 2014-15 and 2015-2016. SCN/KDE may approve a SFA's request for a waiver if acceptable products for previously offered items are not available or accepted by the students. The flexibility is available only until acceptable products are available, identified, and while the SFA can demonstrate a continued negative impact. The waiver must be renewed annually.

SCN has created a waiver request form that will document ***evidence that the SFA has attempted to use the product in a previously popular menu item and that the SFA has experienced significant challenges in achieving positive results.***

Instructions: Complete a waiver request form for each individual pasta product for which a waiver is desired for SY 2014-2015. Submit completed form to:

Sandra.Wagner@education.ky.gov

Allow 5-7 business days for waiver requests to be reviewed, approved or denied, and a copy scanned back to you with approving coordinator's signature and date. Maintain documentation on file.

SCN wishes to collaborate with SFAs to identify acceptable new whole grain-rich pastas, best practices with cooking methods, and success stories with recipes prepared within our Kentucky child nutrition programs. SCN will create a resource page for such technical resources related to the Whole Grain Rich Pasta.