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## Free and Reduced Lunch Data Collection

Free and reduced lunch application data was not accurately collected for the 2020-2021 school year due to current USDA waivers providing free meals during the pandemic. We recently learned that the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued an additional waiver providing free meals for the 2021-2022 school year. This has been providing some challenges in calculating various programs such as Title I-A and Title II-A funding. The SDE just announced that they will be providing an alternate way to calculate the data due to the additional year waiver that was just announced.

## **Professional Development**

We are able to provide some great professional development opportunities to our staff through the BJA Grant. The first of the trainings will be for ALL school district staff and focus on suicide prevention. The training will be 2.5 hours on August 17 and will provide a foundation for some of the additional professional development to come throughout the year.