

## **Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Deadlines**

On March 25, the USDA sent a nationwide waiver that extends the regulatory CEP deadlines during the public health emergency due to COVID-19. This waiver is automatically applied to all schools in Montana without further application.

This waiver makes the following adjustments to the annual CEP deadlines.

<b>CEP Requirement</b>	<b>Annual Deadline</b>	<b>Updated Waiver Deadline</b>
Data Used to Calculate CEP	April 1	Anytime between April 1 - June 30, 2020
LEA Notification	April 15	June 15, 2020
State Agency Notification	April 15	June 15, 2020
State Agency Publication	May 1	June 30, 2020
Elect CEP for Following SY	June 30	August 31, 2020

What does this mean for Montana school districts? Your schools may use student data anytime between April 1 to June 30, 2020 to establish the Identified Student Percent students.

- DCA captures snapshot reports of students who are directly certified.
- OPI will review the snapshot report for April 1 to determine the CEP proxy data.
- The Notification of CEP eligibility for LEAs in the following categories:
  - ✓ LEAs with district-wide ISP of at least 40 percent (eligible for CEP).
  - ✓ LEAs with district-wide ISP between 30-39 percent (near-eligible for CEP).
  - ✓ LEAs currently participating in CEP.
- The State Agency Notification of proxy data will be sent by **June 15, 2020**.
- LEAs may review data in DCA and save direct certification reports that exceed those captured in the snapshot report.
- If your district can certify that it has saved higher direct certification data for anytime between April 1 – June 30, 2020 to support the ISP percentages, the school's data will be used for the State Agencies Notification of CEP Eligibility Report.
- Use the ISP Correction and Reporting Form located in MAPS Download Forms to report ISP percentages that exceed the OPI proxy data.