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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing an emergency student food plan

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 30 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 30-104.1 to read as follows:

§ 30-104.1 Emergency student food plan. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Chancellor. The term “chancellor” means the chancellor of the city school district of the city of New York.

School. The term “school” means any elementary, middle or high school within the jurisdiction of the New York city department of education and in any educational facility owned or leased by the city of New York, holding some combination thereof, including, but not limited to, district 75 schools.

Student. The term “student” means any pupil under the age of 21 as of September first of the academic period being reported, who does not have a high school diploma and who is enrolled in a school as school is defined in this subdivision.

b. In consultation with the office of food policy and the department of education and any other city agency the commissioner deems appropriate, the commissioner shall develop or update, no later than December 31, 2022, a student food plan to be used when schools are ordered closed pursuant to an order by the governor, mayor or the chancellor, or when any form of remote learning is used by the department of education. Such

plan shall include, but not be limited to the following features, provided that nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with the ability of agencies responding to an emergency to implement plans, modify plans, or take steps not described in any written plan, in a manner appropriate to circumstances particular to that emergency:

1. A description of how the city will provide students with access to breakfast, lunch and dinner, including but not limited to how and to what extent the city will disseminate information to the public about the availability of food; manage requests for support from emergency, not-for-profit entities that provide food and water; arrange for or coordinate disaster feeding for students; and coordinate food donations, food business and emergency food providers that may want to provide for feeding students;

2. A description of how the city personnel responsible for implementing such plan will be identified, including how a clear hierarchy and points of contact of such personnel will be established;

3. If used, criteria for how food distribution points are identified and how such distribution points will be publicized to ensure that the public is aware of the locations of such distribution points; and

4. A mechanism to provide that, to the extent practicable, all public communications, written or otherwise, are available in the most commonly spoken languages of affected communities; and

5. Any other contingencies the director deems appropriate.

c. The plan required pursuant to subdivision b of this section shall be publicly posted on the department of education website. Any modifications to the plan shall be posted within 30 days.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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