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SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT)  
Approval of Alabama's State Plan Amendment for Private Schools

TO: Willie Taylor  
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The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) (FFCRA or the Act) authorized a temporary assistance program for households with children affected by school closures during the public health emergency that was declared on January 27, 2020. On March 20, 2020 the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announced and began accepting State plans for the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program. Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 1101 of the Act, FNS approves Alabama's enclosed amendment to their plan to operate P-EBT.

On May 26, 2020, Alabama asked FNS to approve an amendment to its P-EBT plan. Alabama's April plan outlined a process where the State Department of Education (SDE) would exchange private school data with the Department of Human Resources (DHR). Because SDE does not have access to private school data, the amended plan outlines a revised process where SDE will individually contact each NSLP-participating private school to collect the necessary data before sharing it with DHR. All other details of the amended plan follow Alabama's approved April plan. The amended plan will not change the number of children covered or the cost of the State's P-EBT program.

FNS approves the State's P-EBT plan amendment.

Sincerely,

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