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PA STATE GRANGE CALLS FOR WHOLE MILK IN SCHOOL NUTRITION FLEXIBILITY RULE

LEMOYNE... The PA State Grange submitted comments on a proposed regulation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service commending the move towards allowing more flexibility at the local level for school meal programs.

Following is a statement from the PA State Grange:

We especially support flexibility provided in this proposed USDA Rule allowing more local discretion under the idea that one size does not always fit all. Local school nutritionists are better at understanding their particular population than a Washington – dictated straitjacket.

Reinforcing Secretary of Agriculture Perdue's earlier 2017 order allowing for non-skim milk to be offered, **PA State Grange would like to see whole milk introduced as part of students' nutritional standards.** Given the purpose of this proposed Rule to allow more responsiveness of the School Meal Programs to what students need and want, it seems logical to the PA State Grange to advocate specific inclusion in this Rule that nutritionists be able to include whole milk if they choose.

PA State Grange feels that WHOLE MILK SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED from school meal programs. Whole milk is nutritious and its fat content is important to growing bodies.

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