

DATE: September 24, 2021

TO: Parents, Caregivers, School Employees

FROM: Donna McCoy, CNP Director

SUBJECT: Food Supply Chain Issues for Local Schools



Our local school districts are currently facing serious food inventory shortages due to a disruption within the food supply chain. To be clear, this is not just a local problem but it is a nationwide problem.

This supply chain issue includes:

- Labor Shortages
- Raw Material Shortages
- Product Shortages

Food manufacturers are shipping less products to distributors due to shortages of raw materials. The raw materials include but are not limited to raw meats, poultry, fruits, vegetables, grains and dairy. Limited food products from the manufacturer then causes shortages within the distributor warehouses where we order our food supplies.

Manufacturers as well as distributors are struggling to provide services due to warehouse labor shortages along with the limited number of CDL Truck Drivers. These combined issues have led to late deliveries and incomplete orders received at our schools.

Our Child Nutrition Department as well as others in the area are making every effort to continue to provide nutritious meals to students. Parents, we want you to know that we are making adjustments as we face the shortages on a daily basis and our menus are subject to change without advanced notice.

We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time of uncertainty.