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Dear Families,

At Wendell School District, we know the importance of school meals in fueling both healthy minds and bodies. Even though school meals may look a little different during School Year 2021-2022, please know that your school nutrition team is working hard to ensure students have safe, nutritious, and appealing meals. Today, I am writing to share how our district is working to overcome food supply and labor challenges related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency so that students continue to receive school meals.

At times, our school district may not receive expected food orders due to labor shortages (such as delivery drivers) and limited product availability (for example, discontinued products or not enough of a specific type of product). As a result, your school may need to make last-minute changes to the menu or substitute a different brand of a food product. We know that students have favorite menu items and are working hard to provide them whenever possible. We are also thinking ahead to identify alternative food items that are nutritious and appealing for the students.

If your student has food allergies or a special dietary need, be assured that meeting these needs and keeping your student safe remains a priority for us, and we will continue to provide meal modifications. If your student requires a meal modification, Please contact the Child Nutrition Director at 208-536-2122. . If you have questions or concerns about how your student's food allergies or special dietary needs will be managed during these supply chain shortages, please contact Bernadette Chandler at 208-536-2122 so we can get a medical form on file of the allergies your student may have or via e-mail at [bchandler@wendellschools.org](mailto:bchandler@wendellschools.org).

We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work to provide school meals in a challenging and changing environment. Please contact Wendell Child Nutrition Director Bernadette Chandler at 208-536-0019 with any questions, feedback, or suggestions.

Sincerely,  
Bernadette Chandler  
Child Nutrition Director  
Wendell School District

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