

Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of some challenges the Child Nutrition Program is facing.

As we are all aware, COVID-19 has had an unprecedented impact on the food service industry causing disruptions in every facet of the supply chain. Food availability and the costs of raw materials and packaging materials are at an all-time high. Labor costs continue to soar, and freight rates have increased at levels not seen at any time in recent history.

Although we were hopeful, or even optimistic, that many of the factors causing the increase in costs across the food service sector would dissipate over the summer months, unfortunately, this has not been the case.

Based on these and several other factors, our food suppliers have been forced to implement price adjustments, with no guarantee on food or supply shipments. To reduce the stress caused by issues of food unavailability, we will be adjusting our menus immediately by offering two entrée choices per day. Menu substitutions may still occur without notice due to unplanned shortages.

We are proud to be able to provide free breakfast, lunch and afterschool meals to the students we serve. It is our goal to continue to provide the students with outstanding service and high quality, “student-friendly” meals, while meeting or exceeding the latest federal and state requirements.

While we are hopeful that market conditions will return to more normal levels in the future, we anticipate that current market conditions will continue well into 2022 and beyond.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the CNP office at 225-387-6421.

Thank you for your support,

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