

A Statement from the Superintendent

January 22, 2021

Late Tuesday afternoon, January 19, 2021, Region 14 Central Office was notified that there were problems with lunches that had been sent home with students in two of Region 14 schools, Bethlehem Elementary and Woodbury Middle. The Region 14 business office began an immediate investigation of the event and by mid-morning Wednesday, had determined that uncooked meat was accidentally sent home where the menu clearly stated “pre-cooked” hamburgers. This is unacceptable.

Working with our local health departments and out of an abundance of caution, parents of Bethlehem Elementary and Woodbury Middle Schools were notified by email of the possible dangers and were given contact information and direction how to proceed if they had further questions or concerns.

Staff changes have been made, disciplinary actions have been taken, and the entire cafeteria staff, district wide, has been retrained in proper food handling and safety.

We take student safety extremely seriously and regret and apologize for this unacceptable situation.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools