



# FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families:

Fairfield Public Schools' Food and Nutrition Department is asking for your continued patience and support as we navigate new challenges. As you may be aware, nationwide shortages and delays have affected availability of certain food items, leading to substitutions of menu items we've been able to offer regularly in the past. These supply issues are occurring throughout the country and are especially challenging for school systems, due to the quantity of meals we serve and the nutrition standards we follow. The entire food service industry is currently faced with unprecedented shortages and massive delays or cancellations of deliveries, as well as labor shortages.

All of this means we may need to make quick substitutions to our menu(s) based upon what we are able to acquire. We want to help limit the effects this has on our students, and we are doing our best to provide updates about menu changes when possible as soon as we identify an issue.

Please know that our number one priority continues to be providing healthy, nutritious, and appetizing meals for your children. We love seeing them every day and appreciate your support and patience as we continue to offer meals at no charge for all students. The good news is that free breakfast and lunch will continue throughout the school year, so please support us while we face yet another challenge. Student participation helps our program stay strong, and we look forward to serving them every day.

Warmly,

Maura O'Malley  
Food Services Director

For more information on the food supply chain issue, please view this [video](#) produced by the School Nutrition Association.