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Dear Families,

At Potlatch School District # 285, 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 call and let us know and fill out the allergy paper work provided when school started phone number is 208-875-1331. 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 School Nurse Ariel Merrell or Tammy Deerkop at 208-875-1331 or via e-mail at ariel.merrell@psd285.org or tammy.deerkop@psd285.org.

We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work to provide school meals in a challenging and changing environment. Please contact Potlatch School District #285 with any questions, feedback, or suggestions at 208-875-1331 or via e-mail at tammy.deerkop@psd285.org.

Sincerely,

Tammy Deerkop
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Potlatch School District #285