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GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

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July 12, 2022

Dear Families,

At Gainesville City Schools, 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 2022-2023, 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 you have questions or concerns about your student's food allergies or special dietary needs and how they will be managed during these supply chain shortages, please contact Emily House School Nutrition Coordinator/Menu planner at (770)536-5275 ext.5152 or via e-mail at emily.house@gcssk12.net

We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work to provide school meals in a challenging and changing environment. Please contact Penny Fowler, Director, School Nutrition Program, (770)536-5275, penny.fowler@gcssk12.net, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Penny Fowler,
Director, School Nutrition Program
Gainesville City Schools

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
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