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Dear Copper River School District Families,

The Copper River School District wants to make you aware of an important issue that may impact many families in our community. During a recent ASA Board meeting, we learned that a potential disruption in federal funding could affect access to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in the coming month.

According to the Alaska Department of Health's Division of Public Assistance, if the current federal government shutdown continues, more than 66,000 Alaskans may lose their SNAP benefits in November, even if they have already been approved to receive them. The federal government has instructed states to pause SNAP benefit issuance for November due to a lack of federal funds. Unfortunately, the State of Alaska has indicated that it cannot use state funds to replace these payments because of how the federal payment system is structured.

We recognize that many families in our district rely on SNAP to help meet essential nutrition needs. Any disruption in these benefits could increase food insecurity and place additional stress on households. For your child, this can lead to challenges with focus, attendance, academic performance, and overall well-being. As educators, we understand that student success depends not only on what happens in the classroom, but also on stability and support at home.

While schools and districts may not be able to replace these federal funds, we wanted to share this information as soon as possible so families can plan and access local resources if needed. We will continue to monitor updates and share any new information or available community support as we learn more.

Thank you for your continued care and support for one another during this uncertain time.

With appreciation,

Theresa Laville
Superintendent
Copper River School District