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Dear School Community,

The State of New Jersey has informed school districts and other entities that federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program funding for November will not be available on time. As a result, families in need of food assistance may experience disruptions in their ability to secure food. As of this writing, 601 of the 3,860 students who attend the Princeton Public Schools qualify for food assistance in the federal lunch program. While our schools will continue to provide free or reduced meals to students, these same students may be among the most likely to experience food insecurity beyond school.

If you are a family in need of assistance, please visit this [page of our website](#) or use the attached to help locate resources for food assistance in Mercer County.

To help bolster the shelves of some of our local food assistance efforts within Princeton, including the Princeton Mobile Food Pantry and Cornerstone Community Kitchen, the school district will set up bins at all schools to receive donations that we will then bring to the local partners. We will have three specific collection boxes for:

- canned and boxed goods
- fresh produce
- personal care items (shampoo, baby wipes, toothpaste, bar soap, etc.).

If you are able and willing to make a donation, you may send it to school with your child. We know that there are already efforts underway in some of our schools, like JP and PMS, and we are excited to have the rest of the district join the initiative. Our generous and well organized PTOs will also help spread the word and coordinate some of this work, so we extend a giant “Thank You!” to them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note and for any support you can lend to some of our district’s families.

Sincerely,

Mike LaSusa