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School Food and Nutrition Services of New Orleans, Inc.

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TO: All School Principals

FROM: Ellen Gauthreaux
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School Food and Nutrition Services (SFNS) is facing some significant challenges. In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic and the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, a labor shortage has affected the food distribution and production industries. Unfilled cafeteria positions are forcing some cafeterias to stop preparing homemade items, offer less food choices and work harder than ever.

Many food shortages have been encountered, including ground beef, chicken nuggets, margarine, bread and juice. To ensure that our cafeterias receive the necessary components to serve healthy meal options, we are in constant communication with our vendors.

I apologize for the inconvenience your students are encountering. Menu changes and food options are changing constantly. However, SFNS is committed to serving your students. *Every child will continue to have access to safe and nutritious school meals in spite of the challenges we face....it is our profession....it is our passion....it is our ministry.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me at (504)596-3450 or egauthreaux@schoolcafe.org.

Thank you for your support and we appreciate your patience.

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