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Dear Russell County School District parents or guardians,

We have been fortunate to have our Child Nutrition Program (CNP) able to offer breakfast and lunch to our students as planned on our monthly menus until recently. We were hoping that the food delivery shortages would not have affected us, as it is beginning to affect our meal offerings. This notification is to make you aware of these supply challenges. However, we have taken action to open accounts with other vendors in an attempt to diversify our options.

Although menu options may be different from meals that were originally determined, our CNP will continue to provide healthy meals for your children. There may be substitutions or even items that are not available after they have been ordered. Also, please be aware that menu items may vary from school to school in the District depending on the availability of items. USDA has been working diligently to assist with this supply chain disruption by providing additional funding to assist CNPs.

You can be rest assured that the Child Nutrition Department is working diligently to ensure your child has healthy meals available to them. We know that it is imperative that healthy meals are provided in order for students to have a successful and productive day. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time. It takes all of us working together to keep our community strong and please remember, "We Are All In This Together".

Please see an excerpt that was shared on October 13, 2021 from News 19 in Athens, Alabama.

ATHENS, Ala. — Food delivery shortages in Alabama schools have the state Child Nutrition Program director concerned for districts.

"You have a shortage of product to be able to take off the truck and take it to schools, and then you have a shortage of those putting it on the drive, and then the drivers delivering it to the schools," CNP Director Angelice Lowe said.

[**Food supply chain issues forcing Alabama school lunchrooms to get creative**](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. I can be reached at 334-408-4933.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vantreise Davis, CNP Director
Russell County School District