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Dear Families,

At New Lebanon Central School, 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 2021-2022, 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 your student requires a meal modification. Please contact school nurse with dietary issues and a doctor's note explaining dietary restrictions. If you have questions or concerns about how your student's food allergies or special dietary needs will be managed during these supply chain shortages, please contact School nurses : Christine Seyerlein @ Walter B Howard and Jenn Blanke @ Junior/Senior High School\_at WBH 518-794-8854,HS 518-794-7600 or via e-mail at WBH : [cseyerlein@newlebanoncsd.org](mailto:cseyerlein@newlebanoncsd.org) at Junior/Senior HS: [jblenke@newlebanoncsd.org](mailto:jblenke@newlebanoncsd.org)

We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work to provide school meals in a challenging and changing environment. Please contact Pat Metzler / Kitchen Manager with any questions, feedback, or suggestions at 518-794-7600,opt.2,opt.7 or via e-mail at [pmetzler@newlebanoncsd.org](mailto:pmetzler@newlebanoncsd.org)

Sincerely,

Pat Metzler  
Kitchen Manager  
New Lebanon Central School

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