



Dear SPAPSD Parents and Guardians,

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 vendor delivery drivers and limited product availability, examples of which include discontinued products or insufficient. As a result, your school may need to make last-minute changes to the menu or substitute a different brand of a food or beverage product. Be assured that meals will remain balanced, healthy, and plentiful. We ask for patience and understanding as we do our best to meet the needs of your children. 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 nutritious and appealing food items 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. 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 our Food Service office at 715-345-5435.

The Stevens Point Area Public School District is participating in the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for the entirety of the 2021-22 school year. This means that our school provides free meals to all students! This program provides flexibility and some additional support for our district to continue serving meals to children while maintaining safety measures and managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We know the importance of school meals in fueling both healthy minds and bodies. Please know that your school nutrition team is working hard to ensure students have safe, nutritious, and appealing meals.

We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work to provide school meals in a challenging and changing environment.

Monthly menus and nutrition information are always posted on our district website:  
<https://pointschools.nutrislice.com/menus>

Sincerely,

Lori Epstein  
Food Service Manager  
Stevens Point Area Public School District

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