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Parents, Students, Staff, and Community:

Thank you for taking the time to read this update regarding the DVUSD menu changes you may see reflecting the current state of the supply chain in the foodservice industry. The DVUSD Food and Nutrition Department has the privilege of feeding all students free meals for the 2021-2022 school year. We take pride in offering a variety of nutritious entrees, fruits, vegetables, and whole grains daily across our 39 schools. However, you may have noticed a discrepancy between listed menu items, and what foods have been available in the cafeteria.

Countless school districts across the country have been struggling with COVID related supply chain issues for the past year and a half, and it has become even more challenging as of late. Some of our most regularly ordered products are unavailable. We are doing all we can to ensure backup plans are in place, but this may mean unforeseen last-minute menu changes, substitutions, and shortages. We will continue to provide meals that are compliant with the USDA guidelines when these situations arise. Fortunately, we have extraordinary cafeteria managers and staff that are doing their absolute best to feed every child that comes through their kitchen, despite procurement and staffing issues. We truly could not do this without their hard work and dedication to the students.

We thank you for your understanding throughout this challenge. It is our pleasure to continue feeding the students of DVUSD and we welcome any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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