



# ***PURCHASING NOTES***

Office of Child Nutrition  
Division of Purchasing  
and  
Food Distribution

**June 2021**

## **What Will Be Normal?**

The distribution of covid19 vaccines has been very promising and the checkered flag is in sight for the first time. We encourage anyone eligible to get the covid19 vaccination to do so. Your ability to efficiently and safely provide nourishing meals to children has been nothing but a remarkable feat of endurance, and being vaccinated will provide protection against the virus.



Not many would have predicted serving meals using the Summer Food Service Program for the entire school year, yet you did just that! We can only imagine the daily challenges facing each district, and there is not enough thanks and praise for all the Child Nutrition workers throughout our great state. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

So, what will be normal this upcoming school year? Hopefully all students will be back in classrooms and you will be feeding in your cafeterias. I did say "Hopefully"!

Your distributors are currently facing unprecedented labor shortages and are doing everything in their power to continue serving all schools. We are asking that you plan your menus now for return to school and submit your initial startup orders at least 3 weeks in advance. We anticipate most SFA's will utilize the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) next school year. When ordering foods, please remember the SSO uses the NSLP and SBP meal patterns.

We recommend that you consider partnering with distributors that offer "touchless" delivery during non operating hours ensuring your items are available when you open your facilities. We are predicting some labor challenges upon returning in August. Those whom plan ahead will be affected the least.

Only two items will be added to the order guide this school year due to the inability to safely student test during the covid19 pandemic. When it is safe to do so, our staff will begin taking broker and manufacturer calls and begin the process to approve new and trending food items. We strive to bring you the best products so that you can grow your business and increase participation. Have a great 2021-2022 school year!

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### **On-Line Ordering**

[maps.mdek12.org/ocn\\_APS\\_/Purchasers](https://maps.mdek12.org/ocn_APS_/Purchasers)

### **Email incident reports to:**

[swpp@mdek12.org](mailto:swpp@mdek12.org)



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**DIRECT to MANUFACTURER**

Somma Merrywood has withdrawn from the line #1016 Chicken Tenders award due to production setbacks. Gold Creek will be supplying line #1016 Chicken Tenders. The line #1018 Pre Brownd Chicken Tenders have been deleted.

**NEW PRODUCE AWARDS**

The following have been awarded contracts to provide fresh produce beginning August 1.

**Regions 5 & 6—MS Fruit and Vegetable Company**

**Regions 3, 4 and 7—Sunrise Fresh Produce**



**MILK & ICE CREAM**

Prairie Farms, Borden and Wright Distributing contracts have been renewed for another school year.



**ORDERING WEBSITES**

MAPS and SIMMONS have served us well for many years. We are exploring options to upgrade to brand new electronic solutions for the Statewide Purchasing System and the USDA Foods Ordering System. We are hopeful these new solutions will provide you with the most up to date available and allow ease of usage as well as offering more functionality. Stay tuned for more announcements.

## PMC MEMBERS

We thank Carolyn Barber of Nettleton for serving on the committee for the past 2+ years and providing us with valuable inputs. We welcome from Pascagoula Gautier School District Sara Busby as the new Superintendent Proxy to the committee, as well as your returning unopposed members Kenny Coker of Region 2 and Ashley Harris of Region 7. We hope to put you to work real soon!

## DELETED / INACTIVATED

**Item #2259 Corn Syrup and #3204 Cleaner, Abrasive** have both been deleted due to extremely low usage.

**Item #2002 Breeding Mix** - has been inactivated while we and our distributor partners search for another source. The current vendor can no longer supply this item.

**Item #2300 Cookies, Dick & Jane WG** contributes 1oz eq WG (Sweet Grain) This line has been changed to offer the very popular **Dick & Jane Cookies**. Use as a whole grain in breakfast menus, perhaps with yogurt. Smart Snack approved for extra sales.

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**Item #2611 Doritos, Nacho Cheese Entrée Use Only** - Contributes 2oz eq WG This new item will allow you to menu a “Walking Taco” to your students. Perhaps you will use this item as an alternative to the corn taco shells. *This item is **not** Smart Snack approved for extra sales.*

- **FFAVORS**—Please remember to log into your Ffavors account and receipt for your produce within 3 days of delivery.
- **STORAGE FEES**—All organizations receive 60 days of USDA foods storage at no cost. On the 61st day the distributor may invoice your organization for 1 month of storage. The distributor may continue to charge storage on USDA foods that remain in storage every 30 days afterward i.e..91st day, 121st day etc. Storage fees are the responsibility of the organization that caused the fee. Any storage fees assessed will not follow the USDA foods due to a transfer to another organization.
- **USDA** foods are to be used at the maximum extent possible. We have observed organizations submit purchase orders for the same items they had in inventory at the distributor (you guessed it, Ground Beef & Shredded Cheese). Please use your USDA foods prior to purchasing the same item.

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