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The Child Nutrition Department is experiencing a shortage of certain menu items and paper goods due to nationwide supply chain issues. These issues are due to the pandemic and several other factors beyond our control.

Labor shortages across the country have led to fewer transportation drivers, fewer food processors, and an increase in the cost of some of the products used on a daily basis. The items we serve in our school cafeterias are made especially for schools to ensure the items meet the USDA School Meals Nutrition Guidelines. Our manufacturers and vendors are doing their best to provide us with the items we need. However, the manufacturers have simplified some product lines and ceased production on some product lines.

In addition, with the increased costs some products are no longer offered on our menu. The cafeteria staff will always continue to notify campuses of menu changes as early as possible, but at times the notification may be on the day the meal is provided. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to serve the students of Charlotte ISD.

**Thank you,
Debbie Luna
Cafeteria Director**

