

Dear families,

All of us here at Progeny Academy are excited for the 2022-2023 school year! It is important to us to share with you challenges that continue to be expected regarding food service, labor, etc. The School Nutrition Association (SNA), School Nutrition Foundation and NO KID HUNGRY by Share Our Strength, put together a program that details very clearly and simply the many factors that have been a huge part of the biggest challenges expected to date so far.

CKC Good Food our food service provider, sent staff to the annual SNA conference in Orlando Florida this past July. All attendees were given the best simplified and detailed information about forecasted challenges expected to impact PK-12 grade school food service. We have included this information and encourage you to at a minimum read pages 2 through 4. The detailed snapshot in those 4 pages we believe will be instrumental in helping us all work together for a very successful year for your students.

These expected challenges are not specific to Minnesota but can affect all schools across the nation. Our food service company is a leading food service provider in the Twin Cities. They have a very large building with ample dry and cold storage in their warehouse. They are projecting to serve an estimated 35,000 students a day this school year.

For 25 years plus, CKC has had an excellent track record of serving what was planned for the meal that day. Their back-up plan to start with this year has been to pre-procure food for several weeks in advance. They plan to do this all year if needed, hoping to eliminate substitutions and try and stay ahead of the shortage.

CKC has provided us with their plan for potential meal substitutions. We feel confident in our food service provider's ability to provide meals that your students will enjoy even in the event of a substitution.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important communication.

Sincerely,

Nicole Nelson
Director, Progeny Academy