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# Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions

Tips for managing supply chain challenges in the child nutrition programs

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# HOUSEKEEPING







## Today's Agenda

### Supply Chain Related Waivers and Flexibilities for SY21-22

#### The Experts:

- Donna Martin, School Nutrition Director at Burke County Public Schools in Georgia
- Gay Anderson, Child Nutrition Coordinator at Sioux Falls District in South Dakota
- Frances Montoya, Director of Food Service at Vaughn Next Century Learning Center in California

#### Panel Q&A

#### Additional Resources

## Nationwide Waiver #100

### Waiver to Allow Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violations Related to COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruptions Impacting School Meals in SY21-22

- Waives that states take fiscal action during the public health emergency for meal pattern violations related to COVID-19 supply chain disruptions (NSLP, SBP, SSO)
  - Missing food components
  - Violations involving milk type and vegetable subgroups
- Fiscal action for repeat violations for food quantities, whole grain-rich foods, and dietary specifications for calories, saturated fat, sodium, and trans fat is discretionary **but FNS encourages states to not take fiscal action for violations related to COVID-19** supply chain disruptions

## **New Funding!**

**USDA announces up to \$1.5 billion to provide assistance to help schools respond to supply chain disruptions**

- This money will be spent directly on food purchases
- The food will either be purchased by USDA or by states for distribution down to schools
- Focus on foods produced in America with a special focus on local and regional foods
- More information to come!





**THANK YOU!**

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## Donna Martin

School Nutrition Director  
Burke County Public Schools,  
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## Tips for Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions

- **Go local**
- **Reach out to secondary suppliers**





## Gay Anderson

Child Nutrition Coordinator  
Sioux Falls School District, South  
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## Tips for Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions

- **Forecasting**
- **What to do when you lose your supplier**



## Frances Montoya

Director of Food Service  
Vaughn Next Century Learning  
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## **Tips for Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions**

- **Communication with your students, community, and staff**
- **Using brokers as connections**
- **Remembering the “why”**



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# Q&A



# Let's Keep the Conversation Going!

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## Additional Resources

[Tips for Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions](#) (resource)

[Materials for Communicating with Your School Community](#) (sample language in English and Spanish)

[Rural Communities Leading the Way: Introducing Local Foods to Meal Service](#) (resource)

From SNA: [Supply Chain Resources](#) (website)

From USDA: [Planning for a Dynamic School Environment](#) (website)



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