Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions
Tips for managing supply chain challenges in the child nutrition programs

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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!
Donna Martin
School Nutrition Director
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Tips for Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions

• Go local

• Reach out to secondary suppliers
Gay Anderson
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Sioux Falls School District, South Dakota
Tips for Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions

- Forecasting
- What to do when you lose your supplier
Frances Montoya
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Tips for Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions

• Communication with your students, community, and staff
• Using brokers as connections
• Remembering the “why”
Let’s Keep the Conversation Going!

Navigating Supply Chain Disruptions
Question & Answer Forum
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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