

# MONTHLY UPDATE

*amazing things* ARE HAPPENING

at Glassboro School District



Hot food Shoot @ Bowe MS

Happy New Year! We were excited to get the new year going and just like that January was over. We had a busy month here in Glassboro where we focused this month on new comfort foods and food presentation.

Our Street Eats offering this month was loaded fries at the HS & MS the kids loved it so much it will be on the menu monthly. Bullock & Rodgers elementary schools tried two new menu items this month to include a pasta bake with fresh salad and a garlic bread stick and a Meatball Sandwich. Both were a big hit. We look forward to a Fun February with some more new menu items.



Street Eats Loaded Fries



Pizza @ HS



HS Cold Food line



Pasta Bake @ Bullock



Walkin Taco @ Bullock



Meatball Sand. @ Bullock



## USDA Commodity Planning

It's that time of year again—commodity selection season! Based on each district's school meal participation & enrollment, the USDA provides funding to purchase food. These funds make it possible for schools to offer quality meals for students at a lower cost. Nutri-Serve uses commodities in many of our most popular menu items throughout the school year and our Corporate Chef works year round to create recipes and menu ideas that are fresh and new.

Commodities include fresh, canned and frozen fruits and vegetables, and whole or minimally processed foods such as beef, eggs, chicken, cheese, yogurt, and whole grains. Processed commodities are also available from well-known brands including Tyson, Dannon, Chobani, Farm Rich, and Schwan's to name a few.

Our Food Service Directors, in collaboration with the Nutri-Serve operations team, will spend the next month evaluating how to best utilize their district's USDA commodity allocation for the upcoming school year and choose products that will best serve your district.



**Chobani**

**FarmRich.**



## Expanded Eligibility for Free Meals SY 2024-2025

On January 16, 2024, Governor Murphy signed legislation expanding the eligibility criteria under the "Working Class Families Anti-Hunger Act", A5684/S4055, from up to 199 percent of the federal poverty level **to up to 224 percent, beginning in the 2024-2025 School Year.**

The bill will require **public and non-public** schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or federal School Breakfast Program to provide a free school lunch and/or breakfast to students whose families have an annual household income of **up to 224 percent** of the federal poverty level, based on their application for free and reduced price school meals. The State of New Jersey will provide participating public and non-public schools a State NJEIE Supplement to cover the difference for eligible students.



**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact us!**

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