



*Barborton City Schools  
Food Service Department  
633 Brady Avenue  
Barborton, Ohio 44203*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds your family safe and healthy. The Food Service Department is working hard to keep our Barborton students fed. We hope your children are taking advantage of the USDA waiver that allows all children to eat FREE this entire school year until June 2022.

We are sure you have noticed that throughout the country there are supply chain disruptions for most items to include all food, paper products, beverages, and labor shortages. There are not enough factory workers to produce the food, truck drivers to deliver the food, and workers to make this all happen. Each week we spend hours trying to order food and find substitutes when they tell us, for example, there is no chicken this week. We absolutely want to serve the most nutritious meals possible. In October for example, we served 72,100 meals or 3605 a day. Just imagine how much food you might need to serve that many meals. It's a constant dance between meeting the regulations, providing nutritious meals and putting something on the tray that the students will eat.

Menus are posted on our website and we do our best to keep them current but we still have shortages from our vendors on the day of the delivery. We have invested \$100,000.00 in fresh fruits and vegetables for the school year since the cost of canned fruit has doubled. We offer a variety of choices for our students and we hope to continue throughout the school year. Our goal is to feed our students everyday even if we have to limit the choices due to availability.

Please be patient with us as we all work through this situation.

We love our students here in Barborton and we will continue to work hard to keep them fed.  
Stay **BARBERTON STRONG!**

Jill Orris--Missy Gochenour-- And our Entire Food Service Staff