

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

We would like to make you aware of a situation the District has been dealing with regarding our food delivery vendor, Gold Star Foods. Over the summer, Gold Star acquired the only other school food distribution company in Southern California, A&R Foods, and has not been able to sufficiently meet the needs of school districts in Los Angeles and Orange County.

Consequently, Gold Star has been three or more days behind in their food deliveries, impacting our planned menus. The food we do receive in our deliveries is not always what we had planned to receive for our set menus. We understand how frustrating these menu changes have been for our students and their families. We are doing our best to quickly resolve this issue with Gold Star.

In the meantime, we will communicate, as quickly and as best as we can with parents regarding menu changes so that they may better plan for their child's lunches. Attached is our best determination as to next week's menu. If there are changes to next week's menu, and we know what those changes will be the night before, we will call/email parents informing them of the change.

We are working with Gold Star, as well as with our District administration and staff to resolve this issue quickly. We appreciate your patience and will provide additional information by the end of next week as to further developments, and hopefully resolution, of this issue.

Sincerely,
TUSD Nutrition Services Department