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Colquitt County Schools Implement Phase I Meal Contingency Plan

MOULTTRIE, GEORGIA – March 17, 2020 – Colquitt County School Nutrition is implementing Phase 1 of its meal contingency plan, due to school closings related to Coronavirus concerns. An inventory reduction process began on Friday as soon as the announcement was made that schools would be closed for an extended time. At present, we are in the process of gathering all perishable items such as milk, eggs, bread and fresh fruits/vegetables for distribution via the Colquitt County Food Bank to homes that are experiencing food insecurity at this time. We have collaborated with the Food Bank to establish a plan that will best meet the needs of school families. This will allow families the opportunity to not only obtain perishable items of need at one location versus travel throughout the county to school sites but other items that are also available at the Food Bank. Distribution dates and times are as follows:

Thursday—March 19th—9:00am—12noon
Friday—March 20th—9:00am—12noon
Monday—March 23rd—9:00am—12noon
Tuesday—March 24th—9:00am—12noon

Colquitt County Food Bank
309 3rd Street, SE
Moultrie, Ga. 31768
229-985-7725

Moving forward, we will continue to monitor community needs and work to establish Phase 2 of our meal contingency plan. Details regarding those plans will be released as soon as all aspects are finalized.

“Colquitt County School Nutrition is committed to the welfare of our students and families we serve in the Colquitt County School System each and every day. We are facing a situation that for many, including us, has not been tried or tested on this level. We have an enormous inventory of perishable items that are slated to expire, and we felt it necessary to establish a partnership with our local Food Bank in an effort to place these products in homes of need in a timely yet organized manner. At the same time, we are exploring options regarding direct meals for students, but doing so with careful thought and strategic planning. Over half of our School Nutrition staff are considered senior citizens and fall into a category that has been cautioned by medical professionals to avoid crowds and encouraged to stay at home. The safety and well-being of this staff must be considered as well. In doing so, much thought and consideration have been given to all decisions made. I will issue updates as additional plans develop. The partnerships developing across our county with various agencies are growing daily as we pray for wisdom and guidance. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we move forward with plans to help our students and community. We are Packer Strong, “shared Monika W. Griner, School Nutrition Director.

Individual donations can be dropped off at the Food Bank as well. Canned goods will be needed, along with paper items and other non-perishable items.

Volunteers are needed. If you wish to volunteer at the Food Bank, please call 229-985-7725 for information.

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