

Dear Parents, Students and Families

I wanted to reach out to you and introduce myself as well as share our reopening plan for the Unity Elementary food service beginning August 31st..

My name is Willy Walker (wwalker@abbeygroup.net) and I am the Food Service Director for Claremont SAU6 Abbey Group. I excitedly joined Abbey Group in July and I have been working with the summer meal program and the reopening of school plans since then.

As our summer meals program ends and we return to school we are excited to have the kids eat in the classroom for both breakfast and lunch. Our breakfast and lunch menus are currently structured as week cycle menu. To begin the year, we will be offering a variety of cold items for breakfast and our lunch menu will have a hot entree and cold sandwich offering each day.

I look forward to also connecting through the school nurse if your families have dietary restrictions and preferences. Among those are vegetarian, gluten, dairy, nut, and egg intolerances. My staff and I stand ready and willing to meet your needs on a daily basis as we grow our food program, so that your child can have a safe and healthy meal each day if they so choose.

We also are aware that your student will be learning at home. Abbey Group wants to help support that learning. If you are choosing remote learning we are extending a pickup time (Pre Ordered meals can be picked up at the front of the Unity Elementary School) between 12:30 and 1pm each weekday.

We have an online ordering link to the Abbey School Website (<https://sau6food.abbeygroup.info/>) so that you can order meals for the entire week or even the entire month!. This downloadable form allows you to be able to choose which meals for each day for your child. Returning the order to me via email ("wwalker@abbeygroup.net"), we can make sure the meals are made available easily. Same day ordering will be possible, for lunch, with the classroom teacher if necessary.

All of our breakfast meals will be made available in brown bags for easy delivery and identification for the student. Lunches will arrive in reusable containers that can be easily cleaned and sanitized for reuse. Plastic flatware will come in individual packaging to assure the safest and healthiest means for eating.

I know that returning to school this year will be unlike any other, I know that my staff and I are looking to make the transition back to school meals as easy as possible. Communication is key both from us (the providers and you the consumers). My hope is that by reaching out to one another with difficulties we can make a smooth transition from home to school. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Trina Waterman the Unity Food manager "unity@abbeygroup.net" so that we can do our best together.