TO: School Food Service Directors/Supervisors

FROM: Ronald F. Jones
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DATE: March 20, 2020

RE: COVID-19: USDA Commodity Inventories

As we progress through these difficult times, we face many unanticipated challenges. One of these challenges is that there is no room in the state contracted warehouse to store existing levels of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities. In addition, there is no space for inbound shipments of commodities that cannot be stopped.

I am requesting that you assist by placing orders for all USDA foods that can safely be stored at your schools. We do not know how long this situation will last, or who else we may be asked to serve in the future. It is better to be prepared, so please bring them in if you can, as we may need these products in our schools.

Thank you for all that you are doing to feed the children of South Carolina.