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A MESSAGE FROM POMPTONIAN FOOD SERVICE

NJ Department of Agriculture Beef Recall

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced a recall of beef products coming from the Hallmark/Westland Meat Packing Company of California. The USDA has deemed this to be a “Class Two” recall meaning the products in question have only a remote possibility of causing adverse health affects. Nationwide, more than 143 million pounds of beef are being recalled.

Although there have been three phases of this recall, all records indicate that Oakland has not received any of the affected products. The District’s cafeteria staff, upon learning about the “Administrative Hold” being put on the products, checked and verified that none of the product codes and processing dates affected by the recall were present in the Oakland District. However, as a precaution, we are temporarily removing all meats from the school lunches; therefore the menus will be changing.

The District and the food service staff take their commitment to the health and well being of the children in our schools very seriously. We want to assure everyone in the community that we have always been and will always be vigilant and even obsessive about the safety of the food we serve our children. The District follows the strictest food safety standards and in the very rare event that we need to address a problem we do so quickly and openly.

The District, of course, will persist in monitoring this recall and continuously verify that the health and safety of the children are being protected.