

TO: HPS School Food Service Directors
FROM: HPS Contracts Department
DATE: February 28, 2024
**SUBJECT: Carolinas School Food Purchasing Program SY23-24 -
March 15, 2024 Pricing *Updated***

Please be advised that HPS received notification from Gordon Food Service regarding proposed March 1, 2024 pricing changes for the HPS School Food Purchasing program. Because this notification was delayed and did not provide HPS and its committee's adequate time to evaluate and approve such changes, HPS and GFS worked together to make these changes effective March 15, 2024.

The HPS Committee has evaluated the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from October 1, 2023 through January 1, 2024 (data that is currently available). The change reflects an inflation rate of 1.233%. Per the contract terms, the awarded distributor cannot exceed that increase for the March through June pricing period.

Based upon the HPS contract usage for November 1, 2023 through February 19, 2024, the overall weighted average decrease for the Carolinas members is projected to be approximately **-0.023%**.

The HPS School Food Purchasing Advisory Committee has accepted the changes to HPS contract #1006, effective March 15, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the HPS contracts department, 800-632-4572.

Thank you for your continued support of the HPS School Food Purchasing Program.