

TO: HPS School Food Service Directors
FROM: HPS Contracts Department
DATE: February 9, 2026
**SUBJECT: North-South Carolina School Food Purchasing Program
SY25-26 - March 1, 2026 Pricing**

Please be advised that HPS received notification from Gordon Food Service regarding proposed March 1, 2026 pricing changes for the HPS School Food Purchasing program.

The HPS Committee has evaluated the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from September 1, 2025 through December 1, 2025 (data that is currently available). The change reflects an inflation rate of 1.151%. 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, 2025 through January 30, 2026, the overall weighted average increase for North-South Carolina members is projected to be approximately **0.116%**.

The HPS School Food Purchasing Advisory Committee has accepted the changes to HPS contract #1006, effective March 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

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.