

Minidoka County School District

Food Quality Report

MARCH, 2016

The food service department has been working all year on purchasing a higher quality of food to serve at our schools. The following is a list of some of the items that we have changed.

- **Fish Sticks;** we are now purchasing Trident brand instead of USDA commodities fish sticks. The Trident has a crispier breading and a higher quality of fish that the kids really like.
- **Sliced Meats;** we are purchasing all our sliced sandwich meats from a company that processes for schools only. We have better control with our portions, and the meat quality is higher compared to the USDA foods.
- **Fruit Cups;** we are buying our fruit already packaged in cups. By doing this, we do not have as much waste, and the portion sizes are ½ cup which is what we need to serve.
- **Hot Dogs;** we make sure that we purchase and serve Falls Brand. They are a local company plus most people in our area prefer Falls Brand.
- **Fries & Tots;** we are purchasing McCain's or Lamb Weston products.
- **Shredded Cheese;** we receive this from Chobani in Twin Falls.
- **Chicken Patties;** we buy a Gold Kist Brand that all the students have liked much better than the USDA foods patty that we use to buy.
- **Sugars;** we use all White Satin brand.
- **French Toast Sticks;** we either buy a McCain's or Aunt Jemima Brands.
- **PB&J Sandwiches;** we have changed to Smucker's.
- **Frozen Vegetables;** we have changed to Simplot's
- **Canned Vegetables;** are all name brand such as Libby's & Del Monte
- **Graham Crackers;** we have brought new flavors and shapes.

We will be adding more name brand items such as Pillsbury pancakes and Bush beans. We are going to see about sliced cheese from one of our local processors.