



VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Dr. Unal Karakas
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Dear Valley Stream 24 Families,

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We are writing to inform you that we received a product recall notice today from our food service provider, Whitsons Culinary Group. On September 24, 2024, the Chicken with Barbecue Sauce meal option was served in our lunch program. Whitsons Culinary Group has notified us that BrucePac issued a recall of this product due to potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. In response, our district is immediately removing any remaining items that may still be in storage, and this product will not be served going forward. Additionally, the chicken product in question has not been served since September 24, 2024.

Whitsons has assured us that, at this time, there have been no reports of adverse reactions related to the consumption of these meals. According to the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), no known cases of illness are linked to this national recall. In their communication with us today, Whitsons provided a link to the national recall, which you can find here: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls-alerts/brucepac-recalls-ready-eat-meat-and-poultry-products-due-possible-listeria>

As always, the health and safety of our students is our top priority. Whitsons has encouraged parents to contact their child's healthcare provider if they are concerned about an illness.

For any questions regarding our district's food services, please feel free to contact Dr. Jack Mitchell, our Assistant Superintendent of Business, at (516) 434-2831.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please know that we are always fully committed to the health and well-being of all our students.

Warmly,

Dr. Unal Karakas
Superintendent of Schools

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