



September 26, 2017

Dear Downey Unified School District:

Gold Star Foods has been a proud partner of Downey Unified School District for over 20 years, providing quality, nutritious school lunches to students. Unfortunately, we have faced challenges this school year in meeting our commitment to Downey USD.

Gold Star apologizes to the students, parents and our food supply partners at Downey USD.

The Gold Star team is working around the clock to remedy the situation. We are working directly with Downey USD to implement short-term solutions, while we are also putting in place additional warehouse staff and drivers, along with other long-term operational solutions.

Please know that the Gold Star team recognizes the difficulties this is causing students, parents, and staff. We greatly appreciate your patience and flexibility during this period while we work to return to the standard of service you know and deserve. Here at Gold Star we are committed to upholding our reputation of more than 40 years of providing quality, strategically sourced foods to schools, and Downey Unified School District's partnership is very important to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean C. Leer".

Sean C. Leer
CEO, Gold Star Foods