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COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Parents, Teachers and Students,

**Welcome back!!!** It has been my pleasure meeting some of you during various 2015-2016 Open House activities. As stated in person, here's hoping your summer was an enjoyable, productive, and/or a restful season.

During my second year as your School Nutrition Director please know I look forward to serving and collaborating with all stakeholders. Thanks in advance to all our patrons that entrust themselves throughout the school year to our food and nutrition services. Facilitating greater program participation and support of our efforts, and to cultivate a culture of wellness throughout our Charter System and community are primary goals of **your** School Nutrition Program. Offering greater variety of scrumptious and nutritious food and beverage choices is another goal. However, as an earlier mentor once told me, "Abdul, no matter how many accolades, degrees, licensures, and/or certifications you will eventually achieve, never forget the word service in the phrase, nutrition service", providing optimal customer service will remain our central goal.

It has been our joy to observe and experience our customers benefitting from the following program favorites implemented last year:

- Online Prepayment for students through [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)
- "Breakfast-on-the-go" at Putnam County High School
- Universal Breakfast and the offering of breakfast to all students at no cost
- Introducing new food choices such as Yogurt Parfaits, Muscadine grapes, sauté Asparagus and Bok choy
- Transforming cafeterias with innovative nutrition education activities

We are motivated to build upon our above-mentioned successes with plans to launch more periodic "do-it-yourself" food services regarding preparing waffles, loaded baked potatoes, and/or nachos or tacos complemented with the continuation of our salad and former vegetable bars; Putnam County High School Grill Station Day; e-menus whereby our customers can register for the electronic delivery of our colorful menus; "Listening To You" (our version of soliciting your input and feedback regarding our services); and the implementation of our online nutrition analysis of daily chosen food and beverage items (coming soon).



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Given the fact that returning customers is not a guarantee, we continue to accept the challenge of winning everyone's business every day!

Respectfully,

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