

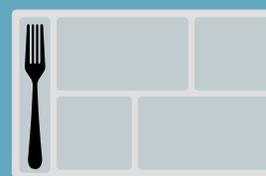
# ALTERNATIVE PROCUREMENT STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING LABOR SHORTAGES

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## ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR PROCURING SUPPLIES

### Use disposables and paper goods in your school nutrition program

- Minimize the need to wash dishes
- Eliminate having staff in the dish room



## ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR PROCURING FOOD ITEMS

### Use non-perishable/shelf-stable items



### Use pre-packaged, convenience food items



### If normal distribution channels are interrupted

- Order products from small businesses and local companies instead of a broadline distributor
- Order from local farmer's markets for fresh fruits and vegetables, which may require a detailed schedule or timeline
- Order small orders of frequently used products instead of purchasing products in a single, large transaction



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