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State Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Managers of Food Stores,

Child care programs in Maryland are providing a vital service for working parents so we can restore Maryland's economy and allow essential workers to save lives and keep services running.

In order to operate safely and ensure the health of children in your community, child care providers must be able to purchase multiple forms of food and supplies such as milk, eggs, bread, and cleaning supplies for disinfecting and sanitizing the facilities. The ability to purchase a sufficient quantity of food for the children in their care and cleaning supplies will allow the child care to meet their immediate needs.

If your store is willing to work with these child care providers, please allow the holder of this letter to purchase food and supplies above the maximum limit that your store has identified for members of the public and/or possibly at different times during your operating hours.

The child care provider must provide his or her state issued child care license to show that they meet the requirements to buy above.

If you have any questions or wish to verify this further, you can contact the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood, Office of Child Care at 410-767-7806 or by email at jennifer.nizer@maryland.gov.

Thank you for your help in assisting the State of Maryland and the children of our essential personal.

Sincerely,
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