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Frankfort-Schuyler Provides Students Meals with the Help of OHM BOCES, Melrose Supermarket

Feb. 23, 2021 (Frankfort, NY) – Frankfort-Schuyler has been able to provide food to students who had signed up to receive meals through two different community partnerships. Students received five-day meal kits in partnership with OHM BOCES. In addition to these meal kits, Melrose Supermarket partnered up with The Best Wishes Campaign and donated bags of non-perishable food to the District, made possible by community donations.

The meal kits, provided by the OHM BOCES Food Services, were designed to provide both breakfast and lunch for students over the entire five-day winter break. These meal kits provided students with food and more importantly, nutrition, that they may not have otherwise received.

The five-day meal kits were packed up and delivered directly to students' homes by Superintendent Palmer, Business Administrator Mrs. Kacey Sheppard-Thibault and Family School Navigator Carlee Doxtader on February 12.

Frankfort-Schuyler CSD is one of 15 of the OHM BOCES food service district's that was able to provide these meals for their students and in turn, provide both nutrition and comfort when they're not in school.

"This has been a tremendous opportunity and learning experience for me," said Superintendent Palmer. "Not only have we been able to deliver so many meals to a large portion of our school district family, but we have been able to slowly learn the geographical boundaries of our beautiful district while we have been waiting for our students to be able to safely return to school. This also allowed us to safely see our students while they were out learning virtually."

In partnership with The Best Wishes Campaign Program, established to provide extra relief to families in the area, and generous members of the community, Melrose Supermarket, located in the village of Frankfort, was able to provide extra relief to students and families of Frankfort-Schuyler with gift bags filled with food. As a local business in a tight knit community, Melrose Supermarket values being able to present this opportunity to those in the community in need of some extra assistance, as well as those looking to give back.

Through community and customer donations of \$5.00 per bag, Melrose Supermarket was able to provide 65 bags of non-perishable foods to donate to the families that receive meals through Frankfort-Schuyler CSD remote meal program. These donations were delivered prior to the mid-winter recess, directly to students' homes.

"Any way we can partner with our caring community to better serve our students and families, we will," said Superintendent Palmer. "Melrose Supermarket is a staple in Frankfort and a longtime supporter of

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our community and school district. We are grateful for their willingness to explore opportunities and offer them to us.”

Thank you to OHM BOCES, Melrose Supermarket owner Linda LaValla, her family, the entire Melrose Supermarket staff, the greater Frankfort-Schuyler community and all involved for cooking and preparing the meals, raising funds, assembling the donation bags and helping to bring food and relief into the homes of students and their families in Frankfort-Schuyler.

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