



## GOLD STAR FOODS

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Debra Kubin, Superintendent  
Board of Directors  
Lenea Pollett, Food Service Director

Dear Ukiah Unified School District,

On March 13, 2020, your entire District had to shift to meet the needs of your students. Within 48 hours, many of these tasks were accomplished. The impact on our communities has been vast and the resilience and significance of School Districts has never been more evident. Often lost is the role public schools play not only in education but the overall well-being of children and their families. Schools are the common denominator in the community and focal point for resources.

As you well know, the meals provided in your District are often the only nutrition many of your scholars receive. During this pandemic, with your support, the Ukiah Unified School District Child Nutrition Services Department was able to continue to provide meals through innovative meal service. Working together, we made sure that students would receive meals while keeping staff safe. Even during a pandemic, you were able to meet their needs.

As access to food became more critical, your district responded further to this urgent need. Working in partnership with the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program and Gold Star Foods, you provided food boxes totaling 271,880 pounds for those most in need.

This plaque is to recognize your commitment to the children and families of Ukiah Unified School District. During the most difficult circumstances, the District worked to meet the community's needs.

Thank you for your commitment, stewardship, and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Sean C. Leer  
Chief Executive Officer