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Ozark Mountain School District operated a TANF Food Pantry program two years ago. We sent home food with our students to help alleviate food costs incurred by our families. We will be doing this again this year. However, there are some changes being made.

We will no longer be sending the food home on the buses with our students. Parents will be required to come to the school to pick up the food. The main reason for this is that not only will we be offering canned items, but we will be providing fresh produce and frozen food. We cannot send these items on the bus because we do not have the ability to keep these items within a safe temperature range. We will schedule a time and place for you to collect the boxes/bags of food. We will try to work around parent schedules to the best of our ability.

We are required to take applications for this program. Attached is the application form. Please fill it out and return it to your child's school as soon as possible. We will also have forms available in the office at each campus.

This program will be implemented as soon as we have the approved applications returned and can get schedules made. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Turney at 870-439-2218.