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Statement From Senator Mannion on State Education Department's New Guidance for Schools Addressing Milk Supply Shortages

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SYRACUSE, NY – Senator John W. Mannion (Geddes) today released the following statement on the State Education Department's new guidance for school districts that are facing challenges with milk supply shortages. Senator Mannion urged SED to release such guidance in a letter delivered yesterday.

"I thank and commend the State Education Department for taking swift action to support students and ease the burden many districts are facing due to a nationwide shortage of small milk cartons. As soon as I became aware of this issue, I moved quickly to engage with all stakeholders including the Farm Bureau, State Ed, Ag and Markets, and school superintendents. There's a reason that milk has been a staple in school cafeterias for generations – it's healthy, nutritious, and helps kids grow and learn. I'm monitoring this situation closely and if the shortage persists, I'll work closely with partners across government, vendors, and our local farmers to make sure milk continues to be served without interruption in our schools."

Senator Mannion's [letter here](#).

New SED [guidance here](#).

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