



Walkkill Valley Regional High School District

10 Grumm Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419



David Carr

Superintendent

December 1, 2016

Dear Walkkill Valley Parent/Guardian:

The Walkkill Valley Regional High School District is committed to educational excellence and guarantees challenging learning opportunities for all students. In order to ensure productivity, the district recognizes that a well-nourished diet and overall student performance are directly affected by one another. Although there are various locations within Sussex County that focus on providing items for those families facing challenges, members of the Walkkill Valley chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) have initiated a project that would foster direct assistance to members of our student body. FBLA members are currently organizing a school food pantry, The FBLA Cupboard.

The high school privately provides 89 students with free or reduced lunch from the four sending districts. It is certainly possible that more families are facing financial experiences that affect a healthy diet. Consequently, several FBLA members have initiated a plan of action within our school. In an effort to serve the community and to help build a stronger student body, The FBLA Cupboard will provide an accessible inventory of selective items all generously donated from members within our community. This pantry serves as an opportunity to directly impact our district families.

The FBLA Cupboard will operate in accordance with Walkkill Valley's privacy guidelines in order to allow the recipients to remain anonymous. In order to protect the integrity of this project, The FBLA Cupboard will not be advertised or announced on a wide platform. The school administration will oversee the distribution of food items; and students will not have access to this information. This letter will serve to advise the school community the information necessary to participate in this project. The goals of the project are 1) to provide a holiday dinner for three families in December and 2) to set up a monthly private time period for families to gain access to The FBLA Cupboard from January through June. Both goals require food donations in order to implement the project. Families are encouraged to contact the school regarding any interest or inquiry—either to receive the holiday dinner or to donate food items. Food donations can be delivered to the high school beginning December 1. Please consider this opportunity presented and its unifying goal as you decide on your personal involvement regarding this project.

As Co-Chairpersons, we are excited about this project, the positive effect it can have on our student body, and the involvement of our FBLA members in community service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us. Thank you for your assistance in the development and implementation of The FBLA Cupboard.

Sincerely,

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