

Green Edge Systems Launches New Front-of-Line Menu Boards to Help Schools Meet USDA Meal Visibility Requirements

New placement-flexible menu boards give schools a bright, affordable alternative to school digital menu boards while supporting USDA meal-visibility compliance.

WOODLAND HILLS, CA, UNITED STATES, August 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Green Edge Systems, a leading developer of school menu board solutions since 2012, today announced a new line of placement-flexible menu board systems designed to help schools meet USDA meal identification regulations and the expectations outlined in the new health directive. The new systems give schools a practical alternative to school digital menu boards, especially in cafeterias where digital school digital menu boards cannot be positioned at the front of serving lines or at student eye level.

**** A New Direction for School Cafeterias**
USDA regulations for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs require schools to identify the components of a reimbursable meal at or near the beginning of serving lines, and USDA guidance states that "schools must identify the food items that constitute the unit-priced reimbursable school meal." Administrative reviews confirm that "signage or other methods must be used to help students identify the reimbursable meal." The new health directive reinforces these expectations by encouraging districts to increase visibility of real food, promote healthier choices, and support stronger student participation.

Many schools currently publish their menus online, on billboards, on hallway posters, or on printed or handwritten sheets mounted on cafeteria walls. While these methods help communicate menus to families and staff, they do not meet USDA's requirement, because the information is not placed at or near the start of serving lines, where students actually make their



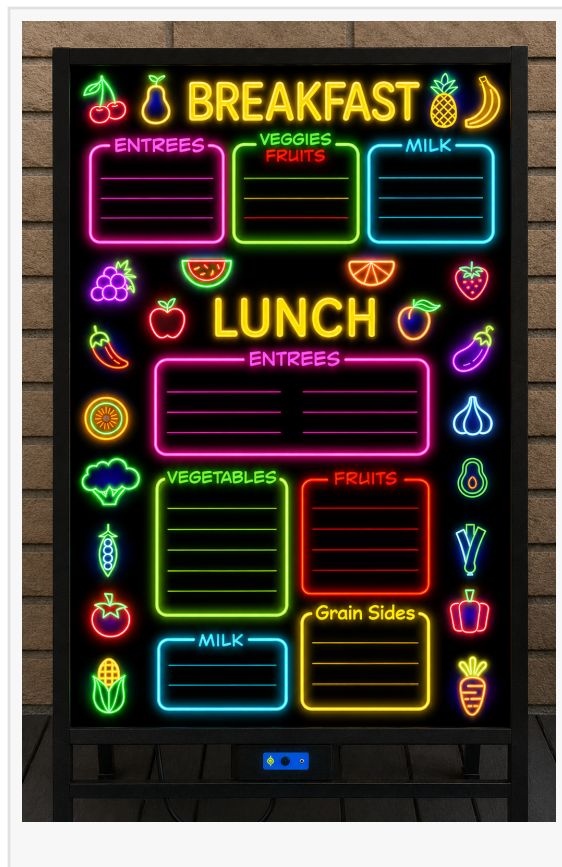
Breakfast/Lunch Love LED Flashing Menu Boards

choices. USDA meal visibility rules require physical posting at the point of service, not general cafeteria communication.

School digital menu boards are one solution districts have explored. School digital menu boards can be effective for rotating menus and centralized content management. However, in many cafeterias, school digital menu boards are mounted behind serving lines or hung overhead, making them difficult for students to see at the moment they choose their meal components. Structural limitations often prevent school digital menu boards from being placed at student eye level or in front-of-line positions, which are essential for clear meal identification under USDA expectations.

****Announcing a New, Placement-Flexible Alternative:**

Green Edge Systems is introducing a new solution designed specifically to address these limitations. The company's stand-based, [counter-top](#), [entrance-placement](#), and [floor-positioned menu board systems](#) allow schools to place complete meal information directly in front of serving lines, at student eye level, and even at cafeteria entrances where students begin forming their choices.



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Many schools still lack required meal visibility at serving lines, and we're committed to helping districts meet USDA expectations and improve clarity for students during meal selection.”

*Tommy Orpaz, President,
Green Edge Systems*

These systems provide bright, continuously visible meal guidance without software, subscriptions, network connections, or ongoing IT support. They offer schools an affordable, practical solution that better fits USDA meal visibility requirements and the new health directive.

“Many districts are hesitant to introduce school digital menu boards for USDA meal visibility requirements, often because school digital menu boards cannot be placed at the front of serving lines or at student eye level, or because they involve higher costs, software subscriptions, and ongoing IT support,” said Tommy Orpaz, President of

Green Edge Systems. “Our new placement-flexible menu board systems give schools a bright, continuously visible, and affordable, straightforward way to meet USDA expectations. They allow complete meal information to be positioned exactly where students make their choices.”

****Key Advantages for Schools and Districts:**

Green Edge Systems menu boards offer important operational and financial benefits:

- * No software to purchase or learn
- * No subscriptions or service fees
- * No network connection required
- * No content management system
- * No specialized IT support
- * Complete menus continuously visible
- * Easy updates by cafeteria employees
- * Placement at the exact point where students make decisions
- * Rechargeable battery options for locations without convenient outlets
- * A one-time, affordable purchase
- * Low-maintenance and dependable operation:
- ** Continuous Visibility That Supports Healthier Choices:

Green Edge Systems menu boards allow a complete menu or meal-building message to remain visible throughout the meal period. Students can see available entrées, fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins, and dairy choices together in one presentation. Schools can also display clear instructions explaining how students may combine their choices to create a complete reimbursable meal. This supports healthier choices, stronger participation, and smoother movement through serving lines.

Flexible Placement Throughout the Cafeteria:

The new systems include wall-mounted, counter-top, portable, and wheeled menu board options. Single- and double-sided configurations allow schools to reach students approaching from different directions or display separate information on each side. Battery-powered stands allow illuminated boards to be positioned where they are most effective, including locations without convenient access to electrical outlets.



Lunch/Breakfast Triangle Dry Erase Wind Sign with wheels

Available applications include:

- * Daily, weekly, and monthly menus
- * Breakfast and lunch combination menus
- * Front-of-line menu presentation
- * Entrée, fruit, and vegetable choices
- * Salad bar meals and meal-building instructions
- * Inverted Pyramid, MyPlate and Pick 3 concepts
- * On-the-counter food station identification
- * A la carte items and daily specials
- * Supper and after-school meals
- * Nutrition messages and other cafeteria signage
- ** Bright, Customizable, and Easy to Maintain:

Schools can choose from LED flashing, LED backlit write-on, NeonBright, and dry-erase menu boards. Hundreds of existing designs are available, and schools may request customized colors, graphics, mascots, messages, menu sections, and meal-building instructions. Cafeteria employees can update menu information directly and immediately without waiting for technical assistance.

** Below are direct links to the most commonly requested USDA-aligned menu board categories:

LED Flashing & Backlit Menu Boards in Stands

<https://www.greenedgesystems.com/led-welcome-menu-stands.html>

Dry Erase Menu Boards in Stands with Wheels

<https://www.greenedgesystems.com/rolling-myplate-stands.html>

Dry Erase Menu Boards in Stands without Wheels

<https://www.greenedgesystems.com/myplate-stands-no-wheels.html>

On the Counter Dry Erase Menu Boards

<https://www.greenedgesystems.com/beginning-of-serving-line.html>

On the Counter LED Flashing Menu Boards

<https://www.greenedgesystems.com/led-on-the-counter-boards.html>

Giant Stands with Dry Erase Menu Boards

<https://www.greenedgesystems.com/giant-school-menu-boards.html>

Salad Bar Top Header Displays

<https://www.greenedgesystems.com/salad-bar-top-header-displays.html>

**** About Green Edge Systems:**

Since 2012, Green Edge Systems has developed innovative menu board solutions specifically for school food service. Its menu boards are used in thousands of schools nationwide to improve menu visibility, support nutrition education, and encourage participation in school breakfast and lunch programs.

Green Edge Systems accepts school purchase orders and offers customizable LED flashing, LED backlit, NeonBright, and dry-erase menu boards for cafeterias of all sizes.

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