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Rush County Schools Launches Community-Wide Challenge to Support Local Food Pantries

Students, Staff, and Community Members Encouraged to Give Back for a Chance at a Two-Hour Delay

Rush County Schools is inviting students, staff, and community members to come together in support of a meaningful local cause while cheering on the Indiana Hoosiers during the National Championship Game on Monday night.

As part of a statewide challenge circulating among Indiana school corporations, Rush County Schools has accepted an initiative encouraging donations to local nonprofits. If the donation goal is met, the reward will be a two-hour delay on Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, following the National Championship.

Each student and staff member is encouraged to participate by donating at least one canned food item or \$1.00. All donations will benefit local families through local food pantries.

Community members are also encouraged to participate. Public donations may be dropped off at either the RCHS Food Pantry, the Rush County Community Assistance Food Pantry, or the Milroy Community Food Pantry. These community donations will be included in the overall total toward the goal.

Donation collection within the schools will take place as follows:

- Elementary students should submit donations in their homeroom
- High school and middle school students should submit donations during their first-period class
- All student and staff donations should be turned in to each building's front office after being collected in classrooms

If Rush County Schools reaches its goal of 1,500 total items and/or dollars (*or any combination of the two*) by the end of the food drive on Monday, January 19th, 2026, at noon, a two-hour delay will be declared for Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Rush County Schools encourages everyone, students, staff, and community members alike, to participate and demonstrate the strength, generosity, and unity of the Rush County community!

Jim Jameson

Rush County Schools - Superintendent