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We value your feedback on the program and will ask you to complete a brief survey at the end of the year to help us improve. For any additional feedback, contact your school's BFF coordinator or call me at the food bank.

Wishing you a healthy school year!

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