<u>Invitation for Bid – Beverage Products (Juice, Water, Isotonic)</u>

The Mountain Purchasing Cooperative, consisting of Ashe, Avery, Watauga & Wilkes County Schools School Nutrition Departments, are now accepting formal bids for the 2021-22 school year for beverage products, including Juice, Water and Isotonic Beverages. Products to be utilized in High Schools Only.

BID OPENING DATE AND TIME: MAY 17, 2021-1:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

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LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

All interested parties should contact Marty R. Johnson, Director of School Nutrition, Wilkes County Schools, at (336) 651-4007 or johnsonmart@wilkes.k12.nc.us for an official IFB packet and further information.

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