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

The Mountain Purchasing Cooperative, consisting of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Watauga & Wilkes County Schools School Nutrition Departments, are now accepting formal bids for the 2018-19 school year for beverage products, including Juice, Water and Isotonic Beverages.

BID OPENING DATE AND TIME: MAY 7, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.

Watauga County Schools
Facilities Maintenance Building
251 Pioneer Trail
Boone, NC 28607

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All interested parties should contact Monica C. Bolick, Director of School Nutrition, Watauga County Schools, at (828)263-1718 or bolickm@wataugaschools.org for an official IFB packet and further information.

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