UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No.)¹

<u>The Chefs' Warehouse, Inc.</u> (Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share</u> (Title of Class of Securities)

> <u>163086101</u> (CUSIP Number)

CHRISTOPHER S. KIPER LEGION PARTNERS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC 12121 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1240 Los Angeles, CA 90025 (424) 253-1773

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<u>March 24, 2020</u> (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(g), check the following box \Box .

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. *See* § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

¹ The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*).

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The following constitutes the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (the "Schedule 13D").

Item 1. <u>Security and Issuer</u>.

This statement relates to the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), of The Chefs' Warehouse, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 100 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut, 06877.

- Item 2. <u>Identity and Background</u>.
 - (a) This statement is filed by:
 - (i) Legion Partners, L.P. I, a Delaware limited partnership ("Legion Partners I");
 - (ii) Legion Partners, L.P. II, a Delaware limited partnership ("Legion Partners II");
 - (iii) Legion Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which serves as the general partner of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II;
 - (iv) Legion Partners Asset Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Legion Partners Asset Management"), which serves as the investment advisor of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II;
 - (v) Legion Partners Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Legion Partners Holdings"), which serves as the sole member of Legion Partners Asset Management and the sole member of Legion Partners, LLC;
 - (vi) Christopher S. Kiper, who serves as a managing director of Legion Partners Asset Management and a managing member of Legion Partners Holdings; and
 - (vii) Raymond T. White, who serves as a managing director of Legion Partners Asset Management and a managing member of Legion Partners Holdings.

Each of the foregoing is referred to as a "Reporting Person" and collectively as the "Reporting Persons." Each of the Reporting Persons is party to that certain Joint Filing Agreement, as further described in Item 6. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons are hereby filing a joint Schedule 13D.

(b) The address of the principal office of each of the Reporting Persons is 12121 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1240, Los Angeles, California 90025.

(c) The principal business of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II is investing in securities. The principal business of Legion Partners, LLC is serving as the general partner of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II. The principal business of Legion Partners Asset Management is managing investments in securities and serving as the investment advisor of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II. The principal business of Legion Partners II. The principal business of Legion Partners Holdings is serving as the sole member of Legion Partners Asset Management and the sole member of Legion Partners, LLC. The principal occupation of each of Messrs. Kiper and White is serving as a managing director of Legion Partners Asset Management and a managing member of Legion Partners Holdings.

(d) No Reporting Person has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) No Reporting Person has, during the last five years, been party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Each of Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II, Legion Partners, LLC, Legion Partners Asset Management and Legion Partners Holdings are organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Messrs. Kiper and White are citizens of the United States of America.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The securities of the Issuer purchased by each of Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II and Legion Partners Holdings were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business) in open market purchases, except as otherwise noted in Schedule A, which is incorporated herein by reference. The aggregate purchase price of the 1,585,548 Shares owned directly by Legion Partners I is approximately \$9,306,433, including brokerage commissions. The aggregate purchase price of the 80,852 Shares owned directly by Legion Partners II is approximately \$474,577, including brokerage commissions. The aggregate purchase price of the 400 Shares owned directly by Legion Partners Holdings is approximately \$2,188, including brokerage commissions.

Item 4. <u>Purpose of Transaction</u>.

The Reporting Persons purchased the securities of the Issuer based on the Reporting Persons' belief that such securities, when purchased, were undervalued and represented an attractive investment opportunity. Depending upon overall market conditions, other investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, and the availability of securities of the Issuer at prices that would make the purchase or sale of such securities desirable, the Reporting Persons may endeavor to increase or decrease their position in the Issuer through, among other things, the purchase or sale of securities of the Issuer on the open market or in private transactions or otherwise, on such terms and at such times as the Reporting Persons may deem advisable.

No Reporting Person has any present plan or proposal which would relate to or result in any of the matters set forth in subparagraphs (a) -(j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D except as set forth herein or such as would occur upon or in connection with completion of, or following, any of the actions discussed herein. The Reporting Persons intend to review their investment in the Issuer on a continuing basis. Depending on various factors including, without limitation, the Issuer's financial position and investment strategy, the price levels of the securities of the Issuer, conditions in the securities markets and general economic and industry conditions, the Reporting Persons may in the future take such actions with respect to their investment in the Issuer as they deem appropriate including, without limitation, engaging in communications with management, the Board and their advisors, engaging in discussions with shareholders of the Issuer and others about the Issuer and the Reporting Persons' investment, making proposals to the Issuer concerning changes to the capitalization, the ownership structure, the structure, composition and skill sets of the Board and senior management or the operations of the Issuer, purchasing additional securities of the Issuer, selling some or all of such securities, entering into financial instruments or other agreements that increase or decrease the Reporting Persons' economic or beneficial exposure with respect to their investment in the Issuer, engaging in short selling of or any hedging or similar transaction with respect to the securities of the Issuer, including swaps and other derivative instruments, or changing their intention with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4.



Item 5. <u>Interest in Securities of the Issuer</u>.

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 30,307,661 Shares outstanding as of February 21, 2020 as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 24, 2020.

A. Legion Partners I

(a) As of the close of business on March 30, 2020, Legion Partners I beneficially owned 1,585,548 Shares.

Percentage: Approximately 5.23%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,585,548
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,585,548
- (c) The transactions in the Shares by Legion Partners I during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.
- B. Legion Partners II
 - (a) As of the close of business on March 30, 2020, Legion Partners II beneficially owned 80,852 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 80,852
 - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 80,852
- (c) The transactions in the Shares by Legion Partners II during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.
- C. Legion Partners, LLC
 - (a) As the general partner of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II, Legion Partners, LLC may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,585,548 Shares beneficially owned by Legion Partners I and (ii) 80,852 Shares beneficially owned by Legion Partners II.

Percentage: Approximately 5.50%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,666,400
 - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,666,400

- (c) Legion Partners, LLC has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past sixty days. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.
- D. Legion Partners Asset Management
 - (a) As the investment advisor of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II, Legion Partners Asset Management may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,585,548 Shares beneficially owned by Legion Partners I and (ii) 80,852 Shares beneficially owned by Legion Partners II.

Percentage: Approximately 5.50%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,666,400
 - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,666,400
- (c) Legion Partners Asset Management has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past sixty days. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.
- E. Legion Partners Holdings
 - (a) As of the close of business on March 30, 2020, Legion Partners Holdings beneficially owned 400 Shares. As the sole member of Legion Partners Asset Management and the sole member of Legion Partners, LLC, Legion Partners Holdings may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,585,548 Shares beneficially owned by Legion Partners I and (ii) 80,852 Shares beneficially owned by Legion Partners II.

Percentage: Approximately 5.50%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,666,800
 - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,666,800
- (c) The transaction in the Shares by Legion Partners Holdings during the past sixty days is set forth in Schedule A and is incorporated herein by reference. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Legion Partners I and Legion Partners II during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.
- F. Messrs. Kiper and White
 - (a) Each of Messrs. Kiper and White, as a managing director of Legion Partners Asset Management and a managing member of Legion Partners Holdings, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,585,548 Shares beneficially owned by Legion Partners I, (ii) 80,852 Shares beneficially owned by Legion Partners II and (iii) 400 Shares beneficially owned by Legion Partners Holdings.
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Percentage: Approximately 5.50%

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 1,666,800
 - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,666,800
- (c) Neither Mr. Kiper nor Mr. White has entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past sixty days. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II and Legion Partners Holdings during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owners of any securities of the Issuer that he or it does not directly own. Each of the Reporting Persons specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein that he or it does not directly own.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the Shares.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. <u>Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer</u>.

On March 30, 2020, the Reporting Persons entered into a Joint Filing Agreement in which the Reporting Persons agreed to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of statements on Schedule 13D with respect to securities of the Issuer, to the extent required by applicable law. The Joint Filing Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Other than as described herein, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships among the Reporting Persons, or between the Reporting Persons and any other person, with respect to the securities of the Issuer.

Item 7. <u>Material to be Filed as Exhibits</u>.

99.1 Joint Filing Agreement by and among Legion Partners, L.P. I, Legion Partners, L.P. II, Legion Partners, LLC, Legion Partners Asset Management, LLC, Legion Partners Holdings, LLC, Christopher S. Kiper and Raymond T. White, dated March 30, 2020.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 30, 2020

| | Legion Partners, L.P. I | | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| | By: | Legion Partners Asset Management, LLC Investment Advisor | | | | |
| | By: | /s/ Christopher S. Kiper | | | | |
| | - | Name: | Christopher S. Kiper | | | |
| | | Title: | Managing Director | | | |
| | Legion Partners, L.P. II | | | | | |
| | By: | Legion Partn | ers Asset Management, LLC | | | |
| | | Investment A | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | By: | /s/ Christoph | | | | |
| | | Name: | Christopher S. Kiper | | | |
| | | Title: | Managing Director | | | |
| | Legion l | Partners, LLC | | | | |
| | By: | Legion Partners Holdings, LLC | | | | |
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| | P | | 6 W. | | | |
| | By: | /s/ Christoph | | | | |
| | | Name: | Christopher S. Kiper | | | |
| | | Title: | Managing Member | | | |
| | Legion l | Partners Asset | Management, LLC | | | |
| | By: | /s/ Christoph | er S. Kiper | | | |
| | U | Name: | Christopher S. Kiper | | | |
| | | Title: | Managing Director | | | |
| | Legion I | Partners Holdings, LLC | | | | |
| | By: | /s/ Christopher S. Kiper | | | | |
| | - | Name: | Christopher S. Kiper | | | |
| | | Title: | Managing Member | | | |
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/s/ Christopher S. Kiper Christopher S. Kiper

/s/ Raymond T. White Raymond T. White

SCHEDULE A

Transactions in the Shares During the Past Sixty Days

| Nature of the Transaction | Amount of Securities <u>Purchased /</u> (<u>Sold)</u> | <u>Price (\$)</u> | Date of <u>Purchase / Sale</u> |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | LEGION PARTNE | <u>ERS, L.P. I</u> | |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 575,646 | \$4.7371 | 03/19/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 190,296 | \$4.2891 | 03/19/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 95,148 | \$4.7386 | 03/19/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 71,361 | \$5.3706 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 95,148 | \$5.4019 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 95,148 | \$5.3506 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 69,458 | \$5.3432 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 10,466 | \$5.3954 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 11,418 | \$5.2252 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 3,616 | \$6.6139 | 03/23/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 7,612 | \$5.7160 | 03/23/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 339,679 | \$9.2532 | 03/24/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 20,552 | \$9.2801 | 03/30/2020 |

LEGION PARTNERS, L.P. II

| Purchase of Common Stock | 29,354 | \$4.7371 | 03/19/2020 |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|------------|
| Purchase of Common Stock | 9,704 | \$4.2891 | 03/19/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 4,852 | \$4.7386 | 03/19/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 4,852 | \$5.4019 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 3,639 | \$5.3706 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 4,852 | \$5.3506 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 582 | \$5.2252 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 3,542 | \$5.3432 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 534 | \$5.3954 | 03/20/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 184 | \$6.6139 | 03/23/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 388 | \$5.7160 | 03/23/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 17,321 | \$9.2532 | 03/24/2020 |
| Purchase of Common Stock | 1,048 | \$9.2801 | 03/30/2020 |
| | | | |

LEGION PARTNERS HOLDINGS, LLC

Purchase of Common Stock

400

\$5.4514

03/20/2020

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1)(iii) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a Statement on Schedule 13D (including amendments thereto) with respect to the shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of The Chefs' Warehouse, Inc. This Joint Filing Agreement shall be filed as an Exhibit to such Statement.

Dated: March 30, 2020

| Legion Partners, | Ι | P. | Ι |
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- By: Legion Partners Asset Management, LLC Investment Advisor
- By: /s/ Christopher S. Kiper Name: Christopher S. Kiper Title: Managing Director

Legion Partners, L.P. II

- By: Legion Partners Asset Management, LLC Investment Advisor
- By: /s/ Christopher S. Kiper Name: Christopher S. Kiper Title: Managing Director

Legion Partners, LLC

- By: Legion Partners Holdings, LLC Managing Member
- By: /s/ Christopher S. Kiper Name: Christopher S. Kiper Title: Managing Member

Legion Partners Asset Management, LLC

By: /s/ Christopher S. Kiper Name: Christopher S. Kiper Title: Managing Director

Legion Partners Holdings, LLC

By: /s/ Christopher S. Kiper Name: Christopher S. Kiper Title: Managing Member

/s/ Christopher S. Kiper Christopher S. Kiper

/s/ Raymond T. White Raymond T. White