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Re: School Lunch Letter

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope this letter finds you doing well as we start to wind-down another school year. I wanted to take this time to inform you that the federal government has NOT appropriated any funding to continue the free breakfast and lunch program that we all have enjoyed this year, and the last quarter of the 2020-21 school year.

All indicators is that the program has run its course and there will NOT be free meals next year. By using the breakfast and lunch prices from last year, if you have one child in elementary, middle school, and one in high school and each child eats one breakfast and one lunch per day with a typical month having 20 days...your lunch bill will be \$355.00 per month. Obviously if you have fewer children, your bill should be less, and if you have more, obviously your bill will be more.

I just wanted to give you a heads-up about the probability of not having free breakfast and lunch again next year. Lunch bills can sometimes give us sticker-shock. So planning now can give you time to possibly pre-pay and build up your lunch accounts. That is completely up to you.

The district will be sending home free and reduced applications in the event that you may continue to qualify for free or reduced breakfasts and lunches. Again, this is to help you prepare for the very real possibility of NOT having free meals next year.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact the business office.

Yours in Education,

Chip Sundberg, Superintendent
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