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Re: UPDATE to Free Breakfast & Lunch

Dear Parents,

We have some exciting news to share with you about the free breakfast and lunch program currently happening in our schools. We received the following information today. We have copy and pasted directly from the USDA communication we received.

“The Trump Administration Extends Free Meals for Kids for Entire School Year Flexibilities now available **through June 30, 2021**. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced that the USDA is extending flexibilities to allow free meals **to continue to be available to all children throughout the entire 2020-2021 school year**. This unprecedented move is part of USDA’s unwavering commitment to ensuring all children across America have access to nutritious food as the nation recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

This announcement means that instead of the free breakfast and lunch program ending in December 2020 as scheduled, it will now continue through the end of this school year.

Negative balances and lunch purchases incurred prior to October 1, 2020, **still need to be paid**. All lunch money currently paid and on accounts will remain on the students’ accounts. We will not be doing refunds of account balances unless a student moves or transfers to an online school.

Sincerely,

Jean Coburn

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