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## Parent Notification about School Meal Program for SY 2022-23

The federal program that has allowed school districts across the country to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students regardless of income will expire on June 30, 2022. Since 2020, this program has eliminated the need to collect payments for school meals for any student.

At this time, the federal government has not extended the waivers for next school year to allow free meals for all students. As a result, schools across the nation will be reverting to free and reduced-price meals based on income eligibility guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**During the 2022-23 school year, families who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch will have to pay for school meals.** Students whose families are eligible for free or reduced-price breakfast or lunch will be able to access meals next school year at no cost or a discounted rate.

Since this adjustment may create a financial burden on some of our families, we are writing to give you advance notice of this change. All families that wish to be considered to receive free or reduced priced meals for 2022-2023 will be required to complete a **new Application for Free Milk/Meals or Reduced Price Meals during the registration process**. Online registration will begin on **July 1, 2022**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at.

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