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Dear Families of USD 380;

I would like to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. As always every year brings new challenges and changes. A rather large change has to do with the school lunch program. Congress has not extended the "free lunch for all" program we have seen since the pandemic began. Due to Covid, school lunches were subsidized by the federal government, and this program has ended.

This means that schools will now charge some families for meals provided.

This also means that in order to get Free or Reduced meals, families will need to apply. We have all of the information to do this on our school website. If you cannot find it there and/or need assistance, please call us at the district office.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of the options available to you. If you qualify for some assistance please use it. This is not a matter of "I don't need to", but rather a matter of "you should" as schools are partially reimbursed and funded based on some of these records. It is better for the district to have everyone who qualifies sign up and participate.

It also is a time when many of you will be getting a lunch bill that you have not gotten in the past. I would ask that you stay current and informed of the 1) quality of food 2) amount of food 3) options/choices. We appreciate your feedback.

In closing, I am sure many of you are anxious about the upcoming year. As the district leader I will do my best to keep you informed of the changes and policies of our hot lunch program. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Joel Bickford
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