## **Food Service Announcement**

## 9/24/2021

Students, Staff and Stakeholders,

One of the main priorities for Highland CUSD No. 5 is ensuring that children have access to food. This announcement is to provide a reminder regarding meals for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to another change in the regulations regarding meal flexibilities the district will be operating the NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The district will continue the breakfast and lunch program that provides free meals to any children enrolled in the district. Therefore, all meals are free to every student again this year. However, students will be charged for any a la carte items taken, such as extra milk (not taken with a meal). The change in regulations is now scheduled to end June 30, 2022 or until funding of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program is depleted.

Also we want to ensure you are aware that our food service company is encountering challenges with the supply chain which impacts meals and menus. Please understand that the district is experiencing the same challenges with a multitude of items we are ordering. The purpose of this update is to communicate that there is a possibility that the meals served on any given day will be different from the menu due to the lack of availability, or delayed delivery, of meal components.

We will monitor the process and announce any changes that may be appropriate.