BALD EAGLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATTENDANCE OFFICE 751 S. EAGLE VALLEY ROAD WINGATE, PA 16823 (814) 355-5721

Dear Parents:

Again this year we are asking you to strongly consider applying for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. All information obtained in this process is totally confidential. Our district often receives funds for educational programs based on the number of students who participate in this program, and we receive more government payment from a free or reduced meal than from a full paid regular one. With your help, the district will receive greater federal and state funding and we can make our already excellent meal program even better.

It makes good sense for all children to participate in the free and reduced lunch program, if their parents/guardians meet eligibility requirements. There are no separate free and reduced lunch lines or any other way to visibly identify participants. Please review the enclosed free and reduced meal information and fill out the enclosed form to see if you qualify. Again, I emphasize that your application will be maintained in strict confidence.

You can also apply online at<u>www.compass.state.pa.us</u>.by clicking on *Apply for Benefits* and then choose the *Free or Reduced Priced School Meals* and follow the directions. We will notify you if your children qualify, or of any change in your children's status.

Applications can be dropped off at the Bald Eagle Attendance Office at the Middle-High School, or mailed to 751 South Eagle Valley Road, Wingate, PA 16823-4799 prior to the first day of school. Applications can also be sent in with your children. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Doug Dyke at 355-5721 between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday for summer hours). He can also be reached via e-mail at douglas.dyke@beasd.net.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph H. Clapper, D.Ed. Interim Superintendent

Enclosures