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Greetings from Lunchtime Solutions,

As your food management program partner, it is our commitment to provide transparency and make you aware that the School Year 23-24 reimbursement rates are released and are lower than expected for SY23/24. Reimbursement rates increased significantly over the past few years due to the pandemic and high food inflation. At the time of forecasting, we projected these outcomes based on the best information that we had at the time, relying heavily on historical patterns from the USDA.

We are encouraging schools to apply for the SY23/24 Supply Chain Grants offered to help compensate for the reduced reimbursements. Additionally, the USDA increased the income thresholds for free and reduced meal eligibility by 30% and 85%, respectively, so this may help negate the lower reimbursement rates if more students qualify. If you have not sent out the school start letters or have an upcoming open house, we recommend you include information about the higher income thresholds to parents and encourage them to apply.

We will be providing you with the updated district financials for SY23/24 in the next few weeks that include the lower reimbursement revenue so you can understand how this impacts your lunch fund. We will also include any Supply Chain Grant funding from prior years that have carryover.

If you do receive Supply Chain Grant funding in SY23/24, please provide these numbers to me so I can update the district financial and provide you the most accurate financial picture.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership as we navigate through the changes noted above. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call me at 507-399-1089. Together we will continue to fulfill our mission to fuel the minds of the future!

Best Regards,

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