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Dear Bethel Local Schools Supporters,

On October 9, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced extensions of nationwide waivers. Earlier this year, the district's food service program received a federal grant that allowed the district to serve free lunches to our students, regardless of financial need, through December 31, 2020. The grant has since been extended, allowing the district to serve meals to our traditional students through June 30, 2021. The Bethel Local Schools will be serving free meals to all of our traditional students until the end of the 2020-21 school year.

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"We are extremely appreciative that the USDA has extended these nationwide waivers to allow us to provide lunch at no cost to our students and families," said Justin Firks, Bethel Local Schools Superintendent. "We understand that families have been impacted by COVID-19, personally and financially, and we hope this waiver will provide a relief while reducing the financial burden on our families."

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We encourage all of our traditional students to take advantage of these free meals to help with the financial burdens on families during this difficult time.

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With Bethel Pride,

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