

June 21, 2014

Dear Parent:

We are continuing to see an increase in **excessive high negative lunch balances** in our cafeteria. Our goal is to make sure all students have a meal, but we need to stress the importance of keeping balances under the limits. The cafeteria operates on a budget and requires the revenue flow to cover expenses like salaries, equipment, and the general operation of the cafeteria. The cafeteria is a “self supporting” fund and is required by law to operate within its own guidelines and in a positive state. There is regular notification when lunch balances reach a negative status, and we really need for those balances to be addressed. The balance amount is **-\$10.00** K-12. When students reach the balance limit, they will be asked to bring a lunch, pay with cash or not be allowed to receive a meal. **No breakfast will be served to a student with a negative account.** We will not deny a student food at lunch if account is in a negative but will offer a sandwich and milk only until their account is once again in the positive. This will go into effect first day of school on August 1, 2014.

We in **no** way want any child to go hungry, be embarrassed, or be denied a meal, but we simply have to have accounts paid to continue operating efficiently. We do realize it is difficult economically for everyone, and we want everyone to know that if providing money for lunches is a problem, there are ways to get assistance for this. The forms for free/reduced are on our website and/or may be requested in any office. We are also open to payments on accounts. Each building will be glad to work with you on completing and returning the free/reduced form for assistance. If you are struggling financially, please contact us, and we will do everything we can to assist you with your situation.

Also, please understand YOU are responsible for any charges PRIOR to acceptance to the free/reduced program. Therefore, it is advantageous for you to get this form in as soon as possible. Balance limits will be strictly enforced starting **August 1, 2014** so we ask that everyone take care of negative balances as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance.

Gerald W Jackson
Superintendent of Schools
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