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Extension of Free Breakfast and Lunch Program

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Rice Lake Area School District Families:

It is rewarding to be able to say we are nearing the end of our first week of the 2020-21 school year in the Rice Lake Area School District! I want to thank families for your patience, feedback, and understanding to get to this point. We know there are processes and procedures we will assess and modify, and your feedback continues to help with making improvements.

On a different note, the information contained below is related directly to our food service program in the school district.

The Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture has extended the summer meal program to provide free breakfast and lunch for ALL students ages 18 and under in the Rice Lake Area School District. The program has been extended until December 31, 2020, or until the funding sources are depleted, whichever comes first. This is available to students regardless of whether they are attending in person, or through our distance learning program. For families of students who are attending in person, there is nothing you need to do. Retroactive to the beginning of the week, no student accounts will be charged for breakfast or lunch. Families with students enrolled in our distance learning program will receive an email with a link to a survey to complete in order to determine interest in participating in the program. Families will be notified of the day, time, and location of meal pick-up.

To receive a free breakfast and/or lunch, a student has to receive a full meal. Taking only milk at breakfast and/or lunch is not considered to be a part of the program, and the student will be charged the a la carte price of \$0.35. Other a la carte items are also not included in the program, and if a student chooses these items, their account will be charged accordingly.

It is still very important that families fill out and return free/reduced applications for the year. As mentioned above, the program will terminate at some point. Additionally, for elementary students to receive free milk under the Wisconsin Milk Break Program during their daily scheduled milk break, they must qualify for free/reduced meals.

If you have any questions, please call 715-234-2181 x 5184.

Sincerely,

Randy Drost
District Administrator

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