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Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to inform you that, for the first time, all existing balances in your child's meal account will be rolled-over to next year. This means that any funds left unused at the end of the school year will be available for his or her use next school year.

School Food Service is requiring that all meals be paid for in advance. *Our suggestion is that you would pay for 10 or 20 days in advance.* Meal service is much quicker if we do not accept cash on the serving line. This allows more time for the students to eat lunch.

The student lunch price is \$1.50 (\$1.25 for pre-K and K). Funds for extra items such as juice should be paid in advance as well. We can accept any amount convenient for you - \$20, \$30, \$50, etc. If you prefer, you may pay for one semester or the whole school year. *Cheryl Hall, cafeteria manager, or one of the cafeteria employees will be available August 4, 5 and 6 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm in the cafeteria to collect funds.*

School Food Services does not allow charging. Non-collections from students and faculty are considered "bad debt". USDA prohibits the use of School Food Service funds to pay a "bad debt". It may seem harsh that we would deny any student a meal, but legally I do not have a choice. In some cases, managers have paid for student meals with their own money. In other cases, the principal has paid for these meals. Unlike the public schools who incur "bad debt", I cannot request funds from the school board. If you cannot afford to pay for your child's meal, I would encourage you to apply for free or reduced price meals. These applications are available at school all year or you may contact my office directly (596-3440).

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me
(pfarris@schoolcafe.org) or 596-3434.

Sincerely,



Pat H. Farris
Director of School Food Services