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MEAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast Costs: *No charge for all Kindergarten* and **\$1.25** for all other grades; Lunch Costs: **\$2.50** (K-5) **\$2.75** (6-8) and **\$2.80** (9-12).

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. **A new application must be submitted each year and all applications are strictly confidential.** Household applications that qualify for free or reduced benefits aid our School District with education funds and discounts. State funds also help to pay for reduced-price meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for all kindergarten students.

The benefits from the previous (19-20) school year will end on October 28, 2020. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COVID-19 WAIVER FOR THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY. THIS EXPIRES ON AUGUST 31, 2020. Unless you have reapplied or have been notified that your household qualifies for free meals through Direct Certification for the current school year, ***your child's meals will be charged to you at full pay starting October 29, 2020.*** Charges can add up fast, so please remember that if your household experiences a change in income, applications are processed throughout the entire school year.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to:

**ISD #381 – Food Service
1640 Highway 2, Suite 200
Two Harbors, MN 55616**

Students and staff in the Lake Superior School District must have enough funds in their food service account to make purchases in the cafeteria. Payments can be made in the office of each school or on-line at our website www.isd381.org; cash is not accepted at the register. If there was money remaining in an account or if there is a credit balance at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, it will transfer to the 2020-2021 school year. PIN numbers will remain the same. Please see the enclosed **Unpaid Meal Policy 534** for the School District's policy on managing meal accounts. The most effective way to monitor your child's lunch account is by using our Parent Portal system. Through Parent Portal, you may view your child's lunch account balance and purchases at any time. Parent Portal is the same program used for viewing your child's attendance, grades, etc. If you haven't yet utilized Parent Portal and would like to start, please contact our Technology Department at 218-834-8201, ext. 8299.

If you have other questions or need help, please call me at **218-834-8201 x8220**.

Sincerely,

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Financial Assistant
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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Who can get free or reduced-price meals? Children in households participating in Food Support (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and foster children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Also, children can get free or reduced-price meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for the household size. An application must be submitted each school year.

Can foster children get free meals? Yes, foster children who are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of household income.

I get WIC. Can my children get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your income goes down, household size goes up, or if you start getting Food Support (SNAP), MFIP, or FDPIR benefits.

Who should I include as members of my household? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends). Include a household member who is temporarily away, such as a college student. Do not include a person who is economically independent and pays their full pro-rated share of all expenses.

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.

Are military housing and supplemental allowances counted as income? Do not include any housing allowance from the Military Housing Privatization Initiative or a Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance. Include the portion of a deployed service member's income that is made available to the household, except do not include combat pay or Deployment Extension Incentive Pay.

How will the information I provide be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. See the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits for more information.

Will the information I give be checked? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.

What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing.

Do I need to notify school officials if my income increases or my household size decreases after I have qualified for free or reduced-price meals? No. Approval for free or reduced-price meals is good for the school year unless the household has received a temporary approval for school meal benefits.