



Lindenwold Board of Education

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we look forward to a new school year, there are a few important details that we would like to share about our food service program.

Attached to this letter is the State of NJ Parent Letter that explains the meal application process. **Please review this letter and the attached application and send back the application to your child's school as soon as possible.** Please note the following important items when considering the meal application:

- If you received a Direct Certification letter this summer, you do NOT have to complete a lunch application. The Direct Certification status means that your child and any other children attending our school that live in your household, qualify for free lunch and there is nothing else you need to do.
- For all others, a NEW lunch application is required each school year for each household. When the school year begins, your child's lunch status is carried over from the prior year, but if a NEW application is not received, your child will be changed to PAID status as of our rollover date. For the 2023-2024 school year, this date will be on October 20, 2023. For example, if your child was eligible for free lunch last year, he/she will be eligible for free lunch until October 20, 2023 without a new lunch application. As of October 23, 2023, he/she would be changed to PAID status, unless you have sent in a new lunch application for the 2023-2024 school year that was determined to be eligible for free lunch.
- We now offer an online lunch application option. You can access the online application through your Realtime Parent Portal. Please contact your school's main office for instructions or visit our website under Food Service Programs.

Lastly, breakfast is free for all students! For students attending our Preschool, School 4, School 5 and Middle School locations, breakfast is served in the classroom after the bell rings. High School students are offered breakfast in the cafeteria before the bell and then also a grab & go breakfast option is offered after the bell rings.

Due to a recent NJ legislative action, there will be no charge for student's meals that are determined as a REDUCED application status. In addition, NJ has expanded income guidelines in the 2023-2024 school year so that more families will qualify for free/reduced meals. Both FREE and REDUCED meals will be provided at no cost.

Thank you for your attention to this information. Please contact Alex Rodriguez in the Business Office at (856)783-0276 X3101 with any questions.

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