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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On August 31, 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) passed a waiver providing schools with funds from the federal government to feed ALL students at no charge this fall. The purpose of this federal program is to minimize the challenges of meal service during the pandemic.

GUIDELINES OF THIS PROGRAM:

- All MEALS are free for ALL STUDENTS – Breakfast and Lunch UNTIL December 31, 2020, or until the money allocated by the USDA runs out.
- Extra meals, extra items such as extra milk, ala carte items (chips, snacks, etc.) are NOT FREE and must still be paid for through the student lunch account.

What does this mean for your child? Starting Monday, September 14th ALL students in grades K-12 will be provided free meals while at school (breakfast and lunch). Money currently in your child's lunch account will still be required for extras and ala carte items if allowed. No meals will be charged to lunch accounts.

Students in grades K-3 may purchase extra meal items when first going through the lunch line. Students in grades 4-12 can purchase extra items at any time during lunch, BUT a child must have money on his/her account to purchase the extras and ala carte items, as they are not a part of this USDA waiver.

This program is being provided by the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and it is for a limited time only due to federal Covid-19 regulations. This program ends on December 31, 2020, or when the allotted funds in the program are spent, whichever comes first.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Because of the possibility of the program being canceled and for children to qualify for other programs (Packs for Pirates, free workbook fees, etc.), **parents must complete a free and reduced lunch application for all eligible students by September 30th** for the 2020-21 school year. This form for free and/or reduced lunch can be found in Final Forms, <https://continental-oh.finalforms.com/> or a paper copy can be obtained from the school.

Thank you,

Sarah Goedde, Food Service Director

Danny F. Kissell, Superintendent