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Re: Food Service school year 23-24

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Parker Unified has been denied the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for our school breakfast and lunch program for the school year 2023-2024. CEP was the program that allowed Parker Unified to serve free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in the school district up to last school year.

What does this mean? Parker Unified will be part of the National School Lunch and breakfast program for school year 2023-2024. As parents/guardians of students you will need to fill out an application to determine if your children will qualify for free, reduced, or full price meals. The new application should be ready in the next week. The lunch records clerk will begin processing applications as soon as she starts receiving them. Because we were on the National School Lunch Program last year, if your child qualified for free, reduced, or full paid meals last year, that designation will carry over to this school year for the first 15 days of school unless the new application has been submitted and processed for Free, Reduced, or Full price meals. This gives you a little time to get the application into the school and it gives the district time to go over the application to determine what your designation will be for school year 2023-2024.

Due to being on the National School Lunch Program, the ability to charge is very limited. The amount of money a student who is on full price can charge is \$11 and for those students who are on reduced price meals is \$1.40. That equals two lunches and two breakfasts. Reminders will start going home once an account balance is at \$10 or less for full price and \$4 for reduced price meals.. PUSD does offer an online payment option for your convenience. The price for a full price breakfast is \$2.25 and full price lunch is \$3.25. Reduced cost is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch.

Just a reminder, the state of Arizona decided to use part of their recovery money to pay for reduced price student meals until the end of 2023-2024 school year or until the fund is depleted. At this time, we don't have information on how much is left in this fund.

Please be on the lookout for the new application and get them turned in as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Brad Sale
Superintendent



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