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Greetings Students & Families!

I want to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! On behalf of our School Nutrition Program we are excited to be back to work providing meals our students.

First, we are happy to affirm that all students in all schools through various state and federal programs will have access to (1) breakfast and (1) lunch available at NO COST. Because of the programs we offer our meals through traditional Free & Reduced Lunch Applications are NO LONGER required and the link to Nutri-link has been removed from our website. Families instead are requested to complete the Economic Status Form and submit to their school. This document can be accessed in PowerSchool. However, any meals (lacking fruit or vegetable) or items outside of our meal pattern will continue to be an a La Carte charge to your student's account or will require cash. We do not allow students to accrue negative charges to reduce the financial burden on the school district. Funds can be added and monitored to student accounts through MySchoolBucks.

Breakfast and Lunch menus continue to be accessible through our digital interactive platform Mealviewer which can be accessed from our Nutrition webpage.

We are working diligently behind the scenes to do our part to support our local community while serving our students. We've again pledged to participate in the State of Maine's Harvest of the Month Program at all schools highlighting one select local product at least twice a month at a minimum. September we will be serving Fresh Corn on the Cob and Cherry Tomatoes from Blackie's Farm. These items will be identified each month on our menus. We've partnered with the only pizza dough made with 100% Maine grains The Good Crust which we plan to offer at the new ELHS. In addition, last year we became involved in a Kendall Grant with the ambitious goal to develop a Marinara sauce using predominately Maine grown tomatoes which I'm excited to say we will be offering this school year.

Follow us on Facebook at Auburn School Department_Nutrition to see all of the deliciousness we're cooking up and for all updates on menu changes and meal service. Lastly, we are hiring! Join our fun, dedicated and energetic team with a schedule that fits the school day!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

Sincerely,

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