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RE: Planning for School Meals

Dear Livonia Families,

Thank you for your continued partnership as we've moved through some of the most challenging times in recent history. At every step along our journey, we've remained focused on what's most important – people – students, families, & our staff. We've stuck together to support one another as everyone experiences things differently. We continually worked the problems to find viable solutions within our constraints. We have much to celebrate and be proud of our response as a Bulldog Family.

Today, I'm writing to you regarding some changes moving into the summer and next year:

- **Federal Summer Food Service Program NOT available for Summer 2022**
For the last several years, LCS has been able to offer summer meals through a USDA program called 'Summer Food Service Program.' We were eligible for this program through a metric called 'Area Eligibility.' In short, this program analyzes poverty data and Free/Reduced price lunch eligibility in Livonia and the five surrounding communities. Unfortunately, a slight decrease in our federal poverty level (from 10.4% in 2019 to 7.8% in 2020) has led to us no longer being eligible for this program. We will continue to analyze this program each year and will reinstate the program as soon as we qualify again.
- **Federal Financial Support for School Meals NOT available for School Year 2022-23**
Throughout the pandemic, the federal government provided financial support to cover meals for all students without any charge. This support was not renewed by Congress for next school year. This means we will be returning to charging the minimum required by New York State Education Department. As we don't have that information today, we wanted to provide you with the minimum prices we had for 2021-2022:
 - Kindergarten through 5th Grade - \$2.50
 - 6th Grade through 12th Grade - \$2.65
 - Breakfast - \$1.60As in past years, we there will be an application for free or reduced meals in our district calendar mailing this summer.

Both of these changes from federal government support are disappointing. We hope, in some way, that this advance notification may help in your family planning for school meals.

Best Wishes,



Matt Cole, Superintendent