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Dear Stonington Public Schools Community,

Free meals, for ALL students, regardless of eligibility, will begin again on Wednesday March 1st and will remain in place through the rest of this school year. This is made possible by a bill recently passed by the Connecticut General Assembly.

The following conditions still apply:

- Any balance owed will still be due.
- Any positive balance on a student's account will carry over grade-to-grade, school-to-school.
- Second meal and a la carte purchases such as milk only (K-12), second entrée, water bottle, CT Healthy Foods Certified snacks and beverages (SMS & SHS) will still be available.
- Students will still need to utilize their 4-digit pin number at the cashiering stations.
- We are still accepting cash or check (Stonington Schools Food Service) at the schools' cafeterias.

At our online family portal <https://stonington.familyportal.cloud/>
(for households and staff) **you can:**

- Make online payments
- Review balances and transaction histories
- Set charge limits
- ***New*** Opt-in and set low balance email notifications
(the previous automatic notices will no longer be sent out)

To add your students to your Family Portal account:

You will need your student(s) 6-, 7-, or 8-digit Student Number. This is not the 4-digit pin number they use to purchase meals. For middle schoolers and up, this number is one they may have used to log into their Chromebooks and other school accounts without the "s" at the beginning. For elementary

students and any others who need this number, please email stephanie.deason@stoningtonschools.org to obtain it.

Lastly, since there has been a bit of back and forth, here is a **recap of the meal charging statuses for this school year:**

Date	Status
09/06/22 through 10/31/22	Free meals for all students, regardless of eligibility*
11/01/22 through 12/22/22	Meals charged according to the student's free, reduced, or paid meal status.
01/03/23 through 01/18/23	Free meals for all students, regardless of eligibility*
01/19/23 through 02/28/23	Meals charged according to the student's free, reduced, or paid meal status.

* Charges could have been incurred from second meal and a la carte purchases such as milk only (K-12), second entrée, water bottle, CT Healthy Foods Certified snacks and beverages

Please contact Stephanie Deason at stephanie.deason@stoningtonschools.org if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

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