

Dear Foster Parents,

Welcome to SY 2023-2024 at Liberty Elementary School District! We look forward to a healthy and successful school year with your children. With the start of a new school year, we wanted to remind you about school meals for your family.

### **Foster Children Eat for Free**

A child in foster care, who is formally placed by a court or foster agency, can receive free school meals for the entire school year. If the school knows about your foster child, the child should already be getting free meals. If your foster child is not eating for free or you were not notified that he or she can receive free meals, you may apply for free school meals for your foster child at any time by contacting Lorena Gallegos.

### **Meals for Other Children in Your House**

Foster parents who apply for school meals may include both a foster child and their other children on the same application. Including a foster child on the same application as your other children will increase your house size, which may help your other children eat for free. But even if your other children cannot get free meals, your foster child can still get free school meals.

### **When a Foster Child Moves**

If your family moves or your foster child moves to a new school, he or she can still get free meals. If you are in the same school district you do not have to do anything for your foster child to continue to get free meals. If you move to another school district, your foster child can still get free meals but you may need to reapply to continue or start school meal benefits. If your foster child stops getting free meals when you move, please let the school know as soon as possible.

If you have questions about the school meal program, please contact Lorena Gallegos at [lgallegos@liberty25.org](mailto:lgallegos@liberty25.org) or 623-474-6641. We look forward to working together to ensure your children receive nutritious meals this school year.

Sincerely,

Lorena Gallegos  
Food Service Specialist