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# Southmoreland School District Food Service Department

Credit extended to students for meals while they are in school are the responsibility of the household per the amended Act 55 of 2017, Section 1337 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code. Whereas, ensuring the access for students to nutritious meals in support of their academic success is paramount and the protection of the financial stability of the school nutrition program is imperative.

In accordance with Pennsylvania Public School Code, the Southmoreland School District's policy for "Unpaid Meal Charge Policy" outlines the intent and purpose of the policy for meal provision and debt remittance. In order to adhere to the policy and Pennsylvania Public School Code households are requested to pay upon meal debts incurred prior to the last day of instruction.

### To that end, the following options are available to households:

- Log-on to your child's School Cafe account and electronically transmit a payment to their cafeteria account. ( [www.schoolcafe.com/southmorelandsd](http://www.schoolcafe.com/southmorelandsd) )
- Send cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name, ID number & homeroom teachers name. This may be sent to school with your child.
- Send a check payable for the amount due to your child's school cafeteria. Checks should be made payable to ***Southmoreland Cafeteria Fund***. Be sure to add your child's name and ID number in the memo line of the check. This may be sent to school with your child. *When paying off a meal deficit balance, be sure to include additional money for food purchases for the remaining days of school if necessary.*

### Should the deficit not be paid by the end of the school year:

- The deficit will be considered delinquent and may be referred to a collection agency or district magistrate. Collection fees incurred will also be the responsibility of the household.
- After June 16, 2023; a monthly service charge of 10% per month will be applied to delinquent meal accounts and will accumulate over the summer until the debt is paid or collection is pursued.

The Food Service Department can be reached in the following ways for any questions or assistance:

For Questions, call: 724-887-2015; Email: [vezeka@southmoreland.net](mailto:vezeka@southmoreland.net)

To mail payments: Southmoreland Food Service Department, 2351 Route 981 Box A, Alverton, PA. 15612

Thank you for your prompt attention regarding this information.

Sincerely,

Zachary Malavite, Food Service Director

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