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Universal Free Lunch Program at Pittsford Elementary Schools

At the end of June, the District sent a survey to parents asking for input about rejoining the National School Lunch Program that now offers Universal Free Meals. As a result, we're pleased to share with you that, starting in September, PCSD will be reentering the National School Lunch Program and offering Universal Free Meals at the elementary level. Universal Free Meals are made possible due to changes in state and federal laws.

All students in elementary schools may receive (1) Breakfast and (1) Lunch meal of choice daily at no charge regardless of household income. Additional meals and snacks will be available for purchase if there are funds on your student's account. Funds can be added via cash, check or on myschoolbucks.com.

The National School Lunch program requires that students take 3 of the 5 meal components offered, one of which must be a fruit or vegetable, to make their meal a complete lunch. The five components are meat or meat alternative (protein), whole grains, fruits, vegetables and milk. Please review the attached document with your child(ren) to prepare them for this upcoming school year.

As we are expecting an increase in participation with free lunches, we have updated our lunch policy to ensure that all students get the opportunity to receive and eat their meals. Therefore, snacks will not be available for purchase at the beginning of lunch until all students have received their meals.

As always, if you would like to place any restrictions on your student's account, please use the form on the food service web page or reach out to your cafeteria manager.

Although Pittsford Central School District is now offering free meals to our elementary students, we still ask that families, who may be eligible *or* have been eligible in the past, complete the free and reduced lunch application and submit it to the District.

The District relies on completed applications for the purpose of New York State aid and additional resources for families. If fewer applications are completed, the District's state aid could decrease, and we risk not offering the exceptional programs that Pittsford families have come to expect.

Completed applications should be sent directly to the Pittsford Food Service Department via email at Food_Service@pittsford.monroe.edu or via US mail to 100 Mendon Center Road, Pittsford, NY 14534.

Furthermore, cafeterias will be open during your student-parent orientations and cafeteria staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about the new lunch program or anything else food related! So come by and say hello!

You can also contact me with any questions or concerns at (585) 267-1096 or elena_montgomery@pittsford.monroe.edu. We look forward to serving your child(ren) healthy and nutritious meals again this school year.

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