



WORKING TOGETHER – with Hornet Pride!

September 18, 2025

Dear Families,

At the recent September meeting, the New Lothrop Board of Education approved the extension of the FREE breakfast and lunch program for all students through October 31, 2025. Meals are able to be covered through the use of the food service fund equity. This decision allows us to continue providing meals at no cost while the State of Michigan works to finalize its budget.

As of today, the State has not yet approved funding to continue the statewide free meal program. If this funding is not renewed, our district will return to the previous paid meal service model beginning November 1, 2025.

Families who may qualify are strongly encouraged to complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application to determine eligibility for continued support after October 31. This application, available in the Meal Magic Family Portal, not only helps families with meal costs but also provides important benefits to the district, including access to additional state and federal funding. Official costs for breakfast and lunch based on socio-economic needs are being reviewed and will be communicated in the coming weeks.

For more information on creating Meal Magic accounts, please watch the how to videos and read the PDF instructions below. To link your student to your meal magic account you will need to know your students ID number which can be found in PowerSchool.

[Meal Magic Family Portal Guidance Document](#)

[How to Use the Family Portal](#)

[Meal Magic Family Portal Login](#)

If you have other questions regarding the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application and/or Meal Magic Family Portal access, please contact Valerie Baker, Director of Food Service, at vbaker@newlothrop.k12.mi.us.

We are proud to support our students and families by ensuring all children receive healthy meals at the start of the school year. We will provide further updates as soon as additional information from the State becomes available.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Larner'.

Jay Larner
Superintendent
New Lothrop Area Public Schools