



WORKING TOGETHER – with Hornet Pride!

October 8, 2025

Dear Families,

We are pleased to share the great news that the State of Michigan has officially passed its budget and reinstated funding for free breakfast and lunch for all students for the 2025–2026 school year.

This means that every New Lothrop student will continue to receive school meals at no cost throughout the year. We are grateful that the State has recognized the importance of this program and ensuring all children have access to healthy, nutritious meals each school day.

While meals will remain free for all students, we continue to encourage families who may qualify to complete the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. Applications can be completed through the Meal Magic Family Portal.

For more information on creating Meal Magic accounts, please review the “How-To” videos and PDF instructions available online. To link your student to your account, you will need their student ID number, which can be found in PowerSchool. If you need assistance, please refer to the guidance documents and video tutorials below, or contact Valerie Baker, Director of Food Service at vbaker@newlothrop.k12.mi.us.

[Meal Magic Family Portal Guidance Document](#)
[How to Use the Family Portal](#)
[Meal Magic Family Portal Login](#)

The newly passed budget also reflects a strong investment in students and public education. This funding increase of \$442 per student strengthens our ability to invest in teaching and learning. It also positively impacts our financial position and helps offset the deficit in the preliminary budget passed in June.

This year’s state budget reflects a meaningful commitment to education. We are grateful for this investment and look forward to a great year at New Lothrop Area Public Schools.

Together in Education,

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

Jay Lerner
Superintendent
New Lothrop Area Public Schools