



August 27, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year!

The North Merrick UFSD will continue to provide all enrolled students with access to school meals each school day. The district continues to be dedicated to supplying a healthy and nutritious meal to your children. All students enrolled at North Merrick UFSD are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and/or lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2026-2027 school year.

Food Service Management Company for the 2026-2027 School Year

Whitson's Nutrition, LLC will serve as the district's food service management company. It is the district's goal with its partnership with Whitson's to serve nutritious, well-balanced meals that appeal to students and the school community. We are pleased to provide a comprehensive school meal program at that meets the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program requirements and engages students in developing a positive attitude on healthy eating. The district will continue to work collaboratively with Whitson's for the health and safety of your children.

MySchoolBucks

We strongly encourage using [MySchoolBucks](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) to facilitate your child's purchase of snacks. If you do not already have a free account, you can go to [www.MyschoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) and register. This online payment service provides individuals with a quick and easy way to add money to your child's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check. Balances may be routinely viewed if you've set up a MySchoolBucks account online. Parents of students exiting the district that have a balance in their meal accounts may either request a refund or transfer of funds to a younger sibling's account by contacting the Business Office.

Menus

Menus will continue to be posted to the District website on the School Meal Program page. You may also access the School Meal Program page via the ParentSquare app by clicking on the "More" option on the bottom of the screen, and then "Links."

Special Dietary Needs

Please note, meals can be modified for students with disabilities and allergies. Please contact the Food Service Office, at (516) 282-1882 or by email at hennessyj@whitsons.com to discuss any special dietary needs.

We look forward to a great new school year.

Sincerely,



Marie Donnelly
Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

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- 2. Fax:** (202) 690-7442; or
- 3. Email:** program.intake@usda.gov(link sends e-mail).

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