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Subject: Opt-Out of School Breakfast Program at Westlake High School

Dear Westlake High School Families,

The Westlake City School District is opting out of establishing a school breakfast program at Westlake High School.

Two key factors guided this decision:

Eligibility Threshold: Our high school's free lunch qualification rate stands at 20.27%. Although crossing the 20% state threshold makes a breakfast program an option, the overwhelming majority of our students do not require school-provided breakfast.

Tested and Unsustainable: A trial grab-and-go breakfast program introduced during the 2025 federal government shutdown saw minimal student participation. Given the amount of food waste and financial losses incurred during the trial, operating a year-round breakfast program is fiscally unviable at this time.

Attempting to run a high-cost, low-participation program is not a responsible use of district resources. We will, however, continue to evaluate future food service options that genuinely align with the needs and preferences of our high school students.

Sincerely,

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