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Parents and Guardians:

We are happy to share the news that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released a waiver for schools to extend their Summer Meal Program (SMP) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This means that all students, regardless of their economic status, are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch each day of school. (Additional servings of the lunch and extra milk will still be charged to the student accounts.)

The state is able at this time to extend the CARES Act monies that remain after the summer food program until December 31, 2020. The free meals will continue until December 31, 2020 or until the state's CARES funds are depleted. Any charges from September 1 through today will be removed from your family account and will not be charged.

We hope the savings will benefit our families and you are still encouraged to fill out the free and reduced lunch forms as this program is only available until CARES funding runs out or December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.

Sincerely,

Margaret Sandoz, Superintendent