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RE: FREE/REDUCED MEAL INFORMATION FOR GRADES PreK4-Grade 6

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Pursuant to Public Act No. 22-118 funds were allocated to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) under the Free School Meals for Children grant. New Hartford has opted into receiving these SMART funds which will be used to assist households with school meals at no cost to students **for as long as possible** into the 2022-23 school year, in an effort to ease the transition back to operating the School Breakfast Program (SBP) (for at Antolini School only) and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). It is anticipated that funds will run out approximately November 4, 2022. Therefore, it is imperative that you:

- Enroll in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - This program can be applied for online at: <https://www.connect.ct.gov/access/jsp/access/Home.jsp>
- Submit a meal benefit application, which is attached at the end of this letter, and submit to:
Janet Terenzi, New Hartford Public Schools, P.O. Box 315, New Hartford, CT 06057.

We strongly urge all families to apply for meal benefits through one of the methods listed above, even if your family has not qualified for benefits in the past. Enrollment in the meal benefits program assists our district and students far beyond the positive impacts on student health. Additional funding for student education, technology, scholarships, and more are all tied to meal benefit enrollment.

Those who complete an application will be notified and benefits will begin once the application has been completed. Based on qualifications, a student's breakfast will either be free, reduced (30¢) or full price (\$1.75). Lunch will be free, reduced (.40¢) or full price (\$3.00).

We strongly encourage utilizing the convenient feature of paying on-line, however, there are other options as noted below:

1. **PAY ON LINE.** Visit <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56373/> to deposit funds into your child's account at any time.
2. You may also pay weekly, bi-weekly; or monthly with cash or check made payable to the NEW HARTFORD LUNCH PROGRAM. **(Please note that there will be a \$20.00 charge for any check returned for insufficient funds.)** If paying by cash or check, put the check or cash in the envelope with your child's full name on it. Write the amount enclosed, your child's grade and teacher's name on the envelope.
3. **Ala carte items will be sold on a cash basis and cannot be charged.** To view our menu please visit <https://newhartford.linqnutrition.com/Menus.aspx>.

The district strongly discourages meal charging, but understands that an occasional emergency may make it necessary. However, any meals that are ordered by students but not paid for at the time of delivery will be handled in accordance with the Board of Education's meal charging policy which can be found at: <https://z2policy.cabe.org/cabe/browse/newhartford/newhartford/z20000177>. All charged lunches must be paid within 10 days.

Grab and Go Breakfast and lunch will begin on the first day of school, which is August 31, 2022. Thank you for your support of the New Hartford School Lunch Program.

Sincerely,

Janet A. Terenzi

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