

"Empowering every student to learn, lead, and succeed!"

September 10th, 2020

Students and Parents:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has recently announced several flexibilities that will allow us to provide free meals to our school-aged children at no cost to the families. This program is slated to last until December $31_{\rm st}$, 2020 or until the funding has been used up.

Iowa Falls Families

Starting Monday, September 14_{th} , there will be no charge for any student meals. Iowa Falls was able to fast track our approval process since we have historically provided a summer lunch program. Families are still encouraged to contribute funds to their lunch account if you have a negative balance.

Alden Families

We have completed our paperwork and submitted it for approval. Since we have not participated in the Summer Meals program in the past, it will take some time to get approval. We are hopeful that this will be a quick process and we can start the free meal program for all of our Alden students as soon as possible. Once we are able to begin this program, we will let you know. Families are still encouraged to contribute funds to their lunch account if you have a negative balance.

Free/Reduced Applications

We are still encouraging everyone who may be eligible to complete the Free/Reduced paperwork during this time. This will help ensure there are no unnecessary charges to a student account when the free meal program ends.

Thank you for your patience and support as we work through returning to learning in both of our districts. We are excited to be able to help out all of our families during these tough times. We are even more excited to have our students back in our buildings and learning at high levels.

Sincerely,

Tony Neumann

