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Dear Families of the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide all parents and students of the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District important information regarding our school food service program.

As our first day of school approaches, preparations for the new school year are well under way. Over the summer months, we have been working very hard to continue to provide an excellent, comprehensive educational program for the 2017-2018 school year. I would like to thank all of our school families for allowing us the privilege of working with the C-W students. Our community is very fortunate to have a high-performing school system that is full of dedicated and caring staff members. I look forward to beginning another year with promise and many opportunities for our students to grow.

Each year we like to provide families with some answers to our most frequently asked questions regarding our school lunch and breakfast program. This section was designed to provide clarity to our families on the operation of the food service program.

What guidelines for portion size and nutritional content does the school have to follow?

All schools who participate in the National School Lunch & Breakfast Program are obligated to follow all guidelines found within the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The HHFKA granted the USDA authority to set all portion size and nutritional guidelines that schools must follow. For more information on these programs please go to: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards-school-meals>

How do we purchase breakfast/lunch from the school food service program? A family food service account is automatically created in Skyward Family Access for each family in the school system. This account is activated by the money being deposited into the student's lunch account. (NOTE: Money for lunch accounts can be brought to the main offices at Roselawn and the HS/MS for deposit.) Each time a student makes a food service purchase this account is debited the price of the purchase.

How do I know how much money my student has in their food service account? Food service account balances can be checked anytime through Skyward Family Access under the "Food Service" button. In addition to the balance, parents can also view what meals and/or ala carte items have been purchased.

What happens when my student's food service account begins to run low? It is important for parents to monitor the usage of their family accounts and to provide the necessary funds to keep the account active. When the account reaches zero, the student no longer has an active account.

We do understand from time to time mistakes happen and accounts become negative. As a result, we have developed the following procedures to assist parents with keeping lunch accounts current:

1. Parents will be notified of accounts that are within \$5.00 of becoming negative. We will attempt to contact you through the school calling system, email (if parent provides email address) and a postal letter.
2. Family and/or student accounts will not be allowed to accrue more than a \$20.00 negative balance.
3. Family accounts will be inactive if they become negative by more than \$20.00. Students will have to pay cash for their meals or receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich until there is a positive balance in the account.

Are there are programs available to assist families pay for school lunches for our student(s)? Free and reduced applications are available for families with qualifying income levels. Applications can also be completed on-line through Skyward Family Access. Information and applications can be found on our district website (http://www.cwasd.k12.wi.us/district/lunch_menu_food_services.cfm) or at each of the building offices. I would encourage all families to apply if they feel they will qualify.

What are the prices for breakfast and lunch for 2017-2018?

The 2017-2018 breakfast and lunch prices are as follows:

2017-2018			
CWASD School Food Service Program Prices			
<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Price</u>
High School	\$2.00	High School	\$2.95
Middle School	\$1.90	Middle School	\$2.75
Roselawn Elementary	\$1.80	Roselawn Elementary	\$2.60
Adult	\$2.55	Bright Beginnings	\$1.95
		Adult	\$3.85

We are more than happy to work with families on an individual basis to develop solutions to any of the problems that may arise from time to time. If you ever have a concern or question, please feel free to call (715) 924 – 2226 and speak with Tammy Lenbom, Business Manager (ext. 2019) or Sandy Stevens, Food Service Manager (ext. 2057).

Sincerely,



Mark Johnson
Superintendent