

## MEAL CHARGING

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The School Lunch/Breakfast Program is a non-profit business that is not supported by local tax dollars. All monies needed to operate come from daily revenues and state and federal subsidies. Any funds in excess of those needed for day to day operation are used to purchase new equipment and maintain existing equipment. We are also required to have a reserve to cover periods of decreased revenue.

Since its inception the National School Lunch Program has always had as its premise the desire to ensure that school age children have adequate nourishment. Recent studies have conclusively associated proper nourishment with a child's ability to learn. We have no desire to deny any child the opportunity to eat a meal in our school district, however we cannot allow student to charge meals.

The computerized point of sale tracks those accounts that have a negative balance. Notices will be sent home every week. If your child owes money to the cafeteria we would appreciate your prompt response. If you need to work out a payment plan, contact the Food Service number @413-625-9811 ext 1324. You also may at any time request a new free and reduced application from your school if your income has changed.

If you wish to pay ahead for your child/children's meals you may do so at your own convenience. In the school year payments may be made online at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com). More information is available on our web site. Checks and Cash can also be sent to your child's school office.

Sincerely,

Debbie Plante and Tammy Wheeler Co-Food Directors

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