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## Kalida Local Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On August 31, 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) passed a waiver providing schools with funds from the Federal Government to feed all students at no charge this fall. The purpose of this program is to minimize the challenges of meal service during the pandemic.

What does this mean for Kalida students? Starting September 14<sup>th</sup>, **all students will be provided free meals at school** until the program expires on December 31, 2020, or until funds run out, whichever happens first. Money currently available in the students account will not be used to purchase meals until the waiver funds run out, unless your child purchases ala carte or extra items.

If your child packs a lunch from home, the price to purchase milk is .50 cents. If your children would like to have more than one milk with their meal it will be a .50 cents charge for each extra milk. We will still offer a la-carte items for purchase. Students in grades K-12 can purchase an extra entrée for \$1.50 and students in grades 5-12 are able to purchase extra items from the a la-carte menu (prices vary). Your child must have money on their account to purchase the extras and a la-carte items, as they are not a part of the USDA waiver.

We want to reiterate that the funds to supply these free meals are being provided by the Federal Government through the USDA and if we do not utilize them, we lose out on them. There will not be any local district funds used to support this program.

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