

August 23, 2021

Dear Franklin School Families,

Some of our Local Schools qualified for the Seamless Summer Option (SSO), which allowed schools to offer breakfast and lunch free of charge to all students during the summer months. At that time Franklin School could not be considered for the program as our Free and Reduced lunch count was not high enough for us to qualify.

In investigating options for the 2021 – 2022 school year we recently learned that the SSO program could run DURING the school year. This is a provision made because of the Covid pandemic. We had previously been told that once again we did not qualify. However, after making numerous calls we discovered that yes, starting from the very first day of this school year, we qualify! This means that any payment that you have made on your child(s) account will be refunded. We are doing our best to process the refunds quickly. We will mail you a check in the near future.

What does this mean? We are busy getting ready for the increase in our meal counts so starting on Tuesday, August 24 all Franklin School students can eat breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE. Kids will still have to run their lunch cards through so that we can keep counts for..... but you will no longer be required to pay for their meals. Also, if your child attends the after-school program we are still requiring you to fill out a free/reduced lunch application if you would like to see if your child qualifies for a reduced rate.

Next year, SSO, morphs into a program called Universal Meals for All, so it is expected that the free meal program will continue into the near future.

If you have any questions regarding the changes to the meal payments (or should I say non-payment), please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you!

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