

## Amherst Central School District Board of Education Policy on Meal Charging

### Child Nutrition Program

Since the District participates in the Child Nutrition Program, the Board approves the establishment of a system to allow a student to charge a meal. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop rules to address:

- a.) What can be charged;
- b.) The system used for identifying and recording charged meals;
- c.) The system used for collection of repayments; and
- d.) Ongoing communication of the policy to the parents and students. The District's meal charge policies and procedures will be distributed to all households and applicable staff in writing at the start of each school year and to new households that transfer into the District during the school year.

### Charging Meals

- a.) If a student comes to school without a meal or the means to purchase a meal; the cost of the meal may be charged and the meal will be provided so the student does not go hungry that day;
- b.) The only item(s) permitted to be charged are a complete meal or milk. A la carte items such as snacks or ice cream may not be charged;
- c.) The District's point of sale system will track all charges and payments;
- d.) Unpaid meal charges will be addressed directly with the child's parent or person in parental relation who is responsible for providing funds for meal purchases. District administration will further consider the benefits of attempted collections.
- e.) If a student continues to come to school without a meal or the means to purchase a meal, the District administration may contact Social Services.