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Welcome Parents/Guardians to a new school year!

Federal and state regulations require a new Free and Reduced-Price Meal application from all eligible households for the **2018-19** school year. Per state guidelines, Nutrition Services can only maintain students on a temporary Free or Reduced-Price status for thirty (30) school days, based on their eligibility determination from the prior year. After the thirty (30) school days, if a **2018-19** application has not been processed, students will be assigned a paid eligibility as of **September 17, 2018**.

Please note that you need to submit only one meal application per family even if your children attend different schools. The meal application, including instructions, is available in English and Spanish. When your application has been processed, you will receive an eligibility notification letter in the mail.

To insure that your application is processed as quickly as possible, please complete, sign and return it within five (5) days of receipt to your student's school site cafeteria or to Nutrition Services at 1257 Northpark Blvd., San Bernardino, CA 92407.

You can apply for free and reduced-priced meals online at <http://onlinemealapp.sbcusd.com>.

If you receive a direct certification notification for all students in your household, you do not need to submit an application. If a student is missing from the letter please call Nutrition Services. Your child's eligibility was determined based on participation in one of the following programs: CalFRESH (Food Stamps), CALWORKS or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

PRICES:	Elementary Breakfast: \$1.25	Lunch: \$2.20
	Secondary Breakfast: \$1.35	Lunch: \$2.45

You may pay online for your child's meals through our Parent Account Management System (PayPams). To create an account and register, go to www.paypams.com. A service fee of \$1.95 will be charged, per student, every time money is added to your student's account.

Meal Charging Policy:

San Bernardino has a "no charging" policy. We encourage parents/guardians to pre-pay for their student's meals. Automated phone calls, texts and emails will be sent to notify parents/guardians when prepaid account balances are below \$10.00. Federal guidelines prohibit Child Nutrition Programs from dismissing bad debt. All fees associated with our collection efforts, as well as the outstanding balance, are the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Unpaid meals place a large financial burden on our department and the district's operating budget.

If you have any questions, please call Nutrition Services at (909) 881-8000.

Thank you,

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Nutrition Services Director

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