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Dear Scotts Valley School Parents:

Welcome back to a new school year!

As Scotts Valley Unified School District prepares for the return of your students, the Food Service Department wants to reassure you of its commitment to serving nutritious meals that support your student's academic growth at school and promotes healthy lifestyles. The Food Service Department will be offering a variety of meal choices, packaged in accordance with regulations, with the goal of providing meals that meet the most current federal and state requirements.

Scotts Valley participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. Although meals are free this year, the District is asking families to complete an application as it provides additional funds to the District for other programs. An <u>online application</u> is available on the District's website, under the Food Service Department. A paper copy is also available. Please contact the front office or the Food Service Department directly if you need a paper copy. All applications are kept confidential.

Student food allergies require special attention. To better serve you and your families, we ask that you complete the <u>allergy statement form</u> on your school's website and turn it into the school office. For those students needing a gluten free meal, please provide a doctor's note for the District to keep on file. Submitting this information will help us provide alternative food choices to accommodate your child's needs.

Scotts Valley offers an online payment system – My School Bucks – on the District's website for your payment convenience. We encourage parents to deposit money into their student(s) account in advance. This system allows for purchases of snacks, school clothing and payments for field trips, lost books and for classroom donations. Should payment be made by check, please include your student's name or ID number so funds are attributed to the correct student account.

Should you have any food service questions, I can be contacted at (831)430-0683 or via email at jrasmussen@scottsvalleyusd.org. Please direct all other non-food service questions to the front office.

On behalf of the Food Service Department, thank you for your support.

Jennifer Rasmussen
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