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To: Parents & Guardians of EUSD Students
From: Melody Glaspey, Chief Business Officer
Re: **Nutrition Services for 2018-19 – Lunch Program**
Date: 07/01/2018

Dear Parents:

We are pleased to inform you that the District will be continuing its long-standing partnership with the Roseville Joint Union High School District (RJUHS) to operate the EUSD Nutrition Services Program through an inter-agency agreement. The RJUHS staff will provide a turn-key operation, including planning menus, preparing meals, serving students, and managing kitchens and staff. They will be working closely with EUSD staff to ensure that the standards set forth by the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act are met.

RJUHS continues to offer the popular garden (salad) bars, including fresh, locally grown produce as often as seasonally possible. As with most NSLP providers responding to the new requirements for healthier meals, the RJUHS continues to make positive changes to favorite lunch items to increase nutritional value while maintaining visual and taste appeal to the students, and affordable pricing for families. As vendor suppliers also continue to respond to NSLP requirements, recipes have been updated to include whole grains, minimal preservatives and additives, lower fat and sodium content, etc., including some of the traditionally popular items such as pizza, cookies, etc. Jr. High students will continue to have ala carte offerings and morning snack break, similar to what is available to the high school students.

The RJUHS also manages the Nutrition Services section of the EUSD website found at www.eurekausd.org under the Nutrition Services tab. All information concerning the lunch program may be found on the website, including monthly menus, Free/Reduced meal applications (available on-line after July 1), and link to on-line MySchoolBucks payment information. In support of the Student Wellness program, the website will also continue to include a wealth of nutrition and fitness resources and tools for families, with the intent to support learning by promoting healthy habits for lifelong nutrition and fitness practices.

We encourage you to visit the website to view detailed information, but following are a few key points for your information:

- Lunch prices will remain at an affordable price but have been increased slightly from \$3.50 to \$3.75 due to increased operating expenses (first increase in several years)
- Lunch accounts may continue to be pre-paid through the MySchoolBucks portal, allowing a fast, easy, and secure way to add money on-line to your child's account using a credit card (VISA, MasterCard or Discover) or an e-check/debit card
 - The software allows easy assignment of previous accounts to a new school district without the need to close old accounts and set up new accounts (detailed instructions available on the website under Pre-Payment Options)
 - Remaining account balances from 2017-18 will be carried forward and available to use in 2018-19 (Families who may have ended last year with outstanding charges and a negative balance may be notified again with request for payment, although SchoolBucks accounts have been cleared)
 - Account balances may be easily monitored by signing up for the automatic low balance notification option and/or downloading the new mobile app
 - Students will use their 5-digit Student ID Number (generated through the PowerSchool program) on an electronic keypad for purchases, and should keep these numbers confidential and for their personal purchases only. Students in TK-1 will initially use ID cards supplied to the students' teachers, which will then be collected and held by the Nutrition Services staff each day, i.e., students will not be bringing the cards home

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- Cash/Checks are also accepted but **on-line payment is strongly encouraged** to keep the lunch line moving quickly and allow more time for students to eat during the lunch period
 - Cash/Checks should always be submitted in a sealed envelope marked clearly with your student's name, their ID #, teacher's name, the \$ amount and the check #. (See website for convenient pre-printed envelopes.) Envelopes should be delivered to the school office or cafeteria
 - Returned checks will incur a \$20.00 administrative fee
- Monthly menus will be posted on the website
 - Parents may enjoy the convenience of having the updated menus e-mailed to them by specifically signing up for the "Going Green Menus" service under the Menu tab
 - Special dietary needs related to recognized allergens, directed by a medical doctor's note, may be arranged through coordination with EUSD Health Services and the RJUHSD (see Special Meal Accommodation section under the Menu tab of the website)
- Daily lunch counts will be taken in the classroom during roll-call
 - Lunches for field trips are required to be ordered in advance through the field trip permission process
- Lunch charges are discouraged, but may be allowed for emergency situations
 - Charges may be avoided by signing up for the automatic notification of low account balance
 - Multiple charges by a student may indicate the need for the family to apply for Free/Reduced lunch pricing

FREE & REDUCED PRICING ELIGIBILITY. Based on several criteria, families may be eligible for either free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program. We encourage all families to review the applications <http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=3107132241361151&page=lunchapps> to determine if household income meets eligibility guidelines, as income thresholds are adjusted annually. **Since other substantial school funding is based on Free/Reduced student counts, it is beneficial for families to apply if there is a chance of eligibility.** It is strongly encouraged to use the **on-line automated application process which is safe, secure, confidential, and allows for more timely approval** (application updated and available after July 1 each year -- please do *not* use applications from the prior year.) Hard copy applications are also available for pick-up at the school offices. Applications for new kindergarten students will be sent home with the students in the Wednesday folders. Once applications are confidentially processed, parents/guardians will be notified of eligibility results. Families who were eligible last year will have a 30 day grace period (from the first day of school on 8/15/2018) to re-apply, but **must re-apply to remain eligible.** Because processing time is required, families are strongly encouraged to apply well in advance of the **grace period deadline of 9/14/2018,** as **payment of full meal prices will be required between end of grace-period and approval of renewal applications.** Some students are directly certified by the State as eligible for the Free/Reduced program and do not need to complete the application.

RJUHSD joins us in welcoming you back to the new school year, and hope that all families will be encouraged to participate in the lunch program as an affordable convenience and healthful option for students' school day nutrition.

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