



Antlers Public Schools
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Antlers Public Schools Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to announce that the USDA has granted a waiver to all schools that will allow all students to eat free of charge through December 31, 2020. This waiver went into effect September 1, 2020 so all students that pay for school meals will not be charged for meals between September 1, 2020-December 31, 2020. At this time, we do not know if the waiver will be extended. Upon expiration of the waiver, students will return to their original paid/reduced/free status. When we are made aware of changes to the waiver, we will pass this information on to you.

At this time, we are waiting on additional information regarding meal charges that were accrued during August. The Oklahoma State Department of Education is working to determine if those meals can be free to families as well. We will not be sending out lunch/breakfast statements until we receive clarification on this matter.

Also, it is important to school funding that every student that qualifies for free/reduced meal benefits through the application process is counted. The free/reduced student account affects our funding for Title I programs and E-rate programs. I would like to encourage all that have not completed a free/reduced meal application to do so. If the above mentioned waiver is not extended, students will be charged for meals beginning January 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan McNutt', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bryan McNutt, Superintendent
Antlers Public Schools