



May 30, 2023

Dear Caledonia Community Schools community,

We are pleased to announce an exciting development for the 2023/2024 school year. In collaboration with Aramark Foods, Caledonia Community Schools will be providing **FREE** meals to all students who qualify for reduced meal pricing. We are equally thrilled to share that there will be **NO** increase in school meal costs for any students for the 2023/2024 academic year.

During the pandemic, all students were categorized as eligible for free meals, and the Food Service Fund received federal reimbursement for each meal served. This has resulted in a healthy fund balance in our Food Service Fund. Consequently, we perceive this as an excellent opportunity to utilize the additional funds to offer free meals to all families who qualify for reduced meal pricing, while also ensuring that school meal costs remain unchanged for all students.

We would also like to draw your attention to the new web address for the Family Portal website, which allows parents to check lunch accounts and add money. The new website can be accessed at caledonia.familyportal.cloud.

Food Service Funds are dedicated solely to our food service programs and have specific guidelines. They are separate from the district's general operating fund. With these funds, we can enhance our programs and provide more free, nutritious meals to students throughout the school day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mimi Mahaney-Stalzer (mahaneym@calschools.org) in our food service department.

Sincerely,

Mimi Mahaney-Stalzer
Food Service Director