

October 23, 2023

Dear Caledonia Families,

We are reaching out to you regarding an important form that requires your attention. We kindly request your participation in completing the Free & Reduced lunch online form, which can be accessed at https://caledonia.familyportal.cloud/. Thank you to those families who have already filled it out for the 2023/2024 school year.

Your prompt action is crucial in ensuring that Caledonia Schools continue to receive the essential state and federal funding necessary for our education programs. This funding is vital for the various educational services and support systems that directly benefit our students, including, but not limited to:

- Instructional staff (ex. Reading Interventionists, Math Tutors, Academic & Behavior Aids)
- Teaching supplies and materials
- Counselors and Social Workers
- School Nurses
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

Why is financial information being requested? The financial information on the Free & Reduced lunch application is required by the Federal School Lunch Program in order to determine the eligibility of a student or household. The total count of eligible students is used to determine the funding amounts that will be made available to a school. The more forms returned the better.

What do I need to do? Please complete the <u>online form</u>. Your assistance in helping us maintain our current funding levels is greatly appreciated.

How will this information be protected? In keeping with current practices, information is only shared with the Caledonia Schools Free and Reduced Coordinator on a secure site.

What else might my student or household be eligible for? Based on the information you gave on your Free & Reduced lunch application, your child may qualify for other programs such as:

- <u>Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer</u> (EBT) program
- Discounts on Pay to Participate fees

- Discounts for fees associated with the college application process
- Discounts on fees associated with credit recovery
- Discounts on fees for SAT, ACT, and AP tests, along with scholarship opportunities
- Discounts on Chromebook Care Plans
- Programs that provide food support
- Programs that provide field trip support
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees
- Programs that provide holiday support
- Additional funding for technology or internet access

If you have any questions or need a paper application mailed to you, please contact Mimi Mahaney-Stalzer or Beth Strzyzewski in our Food Service Department at 616-891-0227.

Sincerely,

CCS Administration