



September 25, 2025

Dear Caledonia Families,

We hope this message finds you well as we settle into the 2025-26 school year. This important update concerns school meals and Michigan's free breakfast and lunch program.

As of this writing, the State of Michigan has not yet finalized its 2025-26 budget. Therefore, funding for the free breakfast and lunch program runs out with the end of the 2024-25 budget on September 30, 2025. As a result, the district is taking the following steps:

- **Breakfast and lunch will remain free for all students through September 30, 2025.**
- **As of October 1, 2025, unless a state budget is in place that includes the "Free for All" program, we will begin charging for school meals.** In that event, meal prices will revert to those from the 2023-24 school year. Those prices are as follows:
 - **Breakfast (all schools)** \$1.45
 - **Elementary Lunch:** \$2.40
 - **Middle School Lunch:** Type A \$2.65, Meal Deal \$4.00
 - **High School Lunch:** Prices range from \$2.65–\$4.00

What Families Need to Do

- If we must begin charging for meals on October 1st, **families will need to have added funds through the [Family Portal online system](#) prior to that time.** The district uses this tool that allows parents/guardians to make deposits, check balances, view food purchasing history, transfer funds between family members, and set account restrictions 24/7. **The following informational videos are available to assist in this process:**
 - [Creating a Family Portal account](#)
 - [Adding funds through Family Portal](#)
- Families are encouraged to complete the **Free & Reduced meal application** to potentially qualify for **free or reduced** meals. Completing the application helps Caledonia Community Schools receive important state and federal funding that supports instructional staff, student services, classroom materials, technology, professional learning, and more.
 - **Apply online:** <https://caledonia.familyportal.cloud/>
 - Prefer paper? Print the [2025/2026 Free and Reduced lunch application](#) and return it to your school office, or call, and we'll mail one.

Questions? Contact **Katie Bos** or **Beth Strzyzewski** in Food Service at **616-891-0227**.

Once the state budget is approved, we'll share further updates. Thank you for your continued partnership!

Sincerely,

CCS Administration