



Fort Calhoun Community Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Nationwide waivers extending flexibilities for school districts to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) through December 2020 have been issued by the USDA in conjunction with the COVID-19 Families First Coronavirus Response Act. On August 31, 2020, the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture announced extending these waivers including allowing non-congregate meal distribution outside the standard meal times and will allow summer meal program operators to continue serving free meals to all students into the fall months. "As our nation reopens and people return to work, it remains critical our children continue to receive safe, healthy and nutritious food".

Since Fort Calhoun participated in the SFSP, **we will furnish free lunches to all our students** beginning October 1, 2020 and continue through December 31, 2020 or until we have been notified that federal funds are depleted, whichever comes first. There will be no application process on the families' parts and all students may participate. This funding like many things related to COVID-19 is subject to change and we must be flexible in our expectations. We will notify parents as soon as we learn of a possible change. At that point the students' accounts will return to their original payment status and lunches will be charged according to the students' participation. The first lunch is the only one free; any breakfast, second meals, second entree, a la carte, or extra milk will be charged at the regular rates. This might be a good time to check your child's balance and make sure your students' accounts are up-to-date.

This extension ensures meals are reaching all students – whether they are learning in the classroom or virtually. All we ask is that remote learners call and inform the food service staff of the number of meals needed. Meals for students not face-to-face in the buildings will be distributed from the high school for you to pick up between 10:15 and 10:45 AM, Monday-Friday when school is in session. All meals to be picked up will follow the high school main menu and will include instructions for heating.

Fort Calhoun Community Schools is an Equal Opportunity Provider. If you have any questions please contact this office.

Thank you,

Jerry Green
Superintendent

Barb Moriarty
Food Service Director