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Wilson's Mission: Empowering Our Students to Create their Own Future. April 12, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Wilson School District Food Service Department enjoys providing your student(s) with a nourishing breakfast and lunch each school day. We are implementing new policy guidelines from the PA Department of Education. The Food Service Department is required to provide a breakfast and/or lunch even if students do not have cash or funds in their personal meal payment account. We are also required to discuss financial matters only with the parent/guardian, rather than directly with the student.

Here is what we will do:

- When a student does not have money to pay for their school breakfast or lunch we will:
 - 1. Provide your student(s) with one of our menu meals.
 - 2. Discuss meal account balances only with the parent/guardian.
 - 3. <u>Contact you about the balance due</u>. You are financially responsible to pay for the meal your student takes.
 - a) You will receive a Balance Due letter indicating the amount of money owed.
 - b) If (5) or more meals, breakfast and/or lunch, have been charged we will contact you by phone about the balance due.
 - c) If the balance remains unpaid after (a) and (b) we will send a second Balance Due letter. We will also include information on how to apply for Free and Reduced Price meals.
 - d) If we do not hear from you within 10-days from the second letter we may send your debt balance to a collection agency.
- A la carte foods can only be purchased with cash unless there is money in the student's meal account. If your student(s) has a Balance Due, they cannot charge a la Carte food items.

Here is what we ask you to do:

- 1. Sign up for e-mail notifications, in *Skyward Family Access* at www.wilsonsd.org to alert you to balances below \$5.00.
- 2. At least weekly, check the balance of your student(s) meal account.
 - a) Deposit money in <u>e-Funds Online Payments</u> or send cash or a check made payable to Wilson SD Food Service.
 - b) Promptly pay any charges the student has accumulated.
- 3. If you do not want your student to receive a meal without money <u>you</u> <u>must</u>, send a signed letter with your student(s) name, grade and building to the Food Service Office or the school.

We have a new online process to apply for Free and Reduced meals. When you access your student(s) account in *Skyward Family Access*, www.wilsonsd.org you can now apply for meal benefits. We also have a Chromebook in the District Office for your convenience. If you need assistance or if you have any questions, please feel free to call the Food Service Office, 610-670-0180, extension 1147.

Sincerely,

Carol H. Gilbert, SNS Interim Food Service Director Christine Schlosman, CPA Chief Financial Officer In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

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