



# Lake Worth Independent School District

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TO: Lake Worth ISD Parents  
From: Dr. Janice Cooper, Superintendent  
Date: September 27, 2011  
Subject: Child Nutrition Program

Lake Worth ISD has been classified as a Provision 2 school district for child nutrition services for the past 14 years. What this meant to our students and parents was that all students could be fed free breakfast and lunch because there were so many low income families in 1997-1998 in Lake Worth ISD. At that time, the average home value was \$35,000, while the market value of a Lake Worth home today is \$77,163. The district had to re-qualify for the Provision 2 status a couple times during the past 14 years.

In May 2011 the district was notified that we would need to re-qualify once again. We understood that we would maintain our Provision 2 status during the 2011-2012 school year, but that all families would need to submit free and reduced meal applications. Unfortunately, many families have not returned meal applications, and we will only be able to provide free meals for qualifying students, not all students. Further, we have learned that we will only be reimbursed by the federal child nutrition program based on the applications received this year, which means we are immediately losing our funding for the Provision 2 program.

The Lake Worth ISD cannot take this financial loss. The District must begin charging for meals for students who do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals. What this means to parents and students is that, beginning sometime in late October the District will begin charging for breakfast and lunch. If your family qualifies for free or reduced status, your child(ren) will receive their meals at a free or much reduced rate. If you have not completed an application, please contact the Child Nutrition office immediately and complete an application. If you do not complete an application your family will be considered a "PAID" family. If your family does not qualify, you will be considered a "PAID" family and your child(ren) must pay for meals they receive.

The cost of meals, how to pay, when the new program starts, and all of the important details will be sent to you before these changes start so you will be well informed about these changes. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Lake Worth ISD is working to make this process as smooth as possible for all involved.

Sincerely,

Dr. Janice Cooper  
Superintendent

Enclosure

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