

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome back to a new school year! We are pleased to inform you that Farwell area schools will be continuing the free Breakfast and Lunch program for school year 2018-2019

What does this mean for you and your children attending Farwell area schools?

Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students of Farwell area schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2018-2019 school year.

In the past, the free/reduced price meal application was required in order for a student to receive a free or reduced breakfast or lunch. Even though those applications are no longer required now that we are able to make every child eligible, we still depend upon the attached Household Survey in order to qualify for additional funding for our schools. This is especially critical in recent years due to budget cuts and program reductions in Farwell and across the State. In order to continue to receive this very important funding for our district, we need you to complete the attached **Household Survey**. **Please note: You only need to complete ONE form regardless of how many kids attend Farwell Schools or what building they are in. This form will not be used for food service, only additional funding for the district. Please complete and return to school.**

This additional funding that could be negatively impacted when we don't receive enough of the Household Surveys back are primarily grant dollars from State and Federal programs like Title I and At-Risk funding. These grant dollars help to fund many important programs including the following: academic enrichment, alternative education, one elementary teacher, some dual enrollment costs, elementary and middle school Title I para professionals, summer school, after school programs, and Title I teacher.

Your child will still have the option to purchase extra food items and healthy a la carte items daily in the cafeteria, so you still may keep money on your account.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at the food service office.

Sincerely,

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