Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to announce that all students enrolled at the Hoosic Valley Central School District will be able to receive a FREE breakfast and lunch meal at school beginning on December 1, 2023

This implementation is a result of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) expanding access to the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP allows eligible schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to offer school meals at no charge to all students.

What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above? Effective December 1, 2023, all students enrolled at the Hoosic Valley Central School District will receive meals at no cost to your household. No further action is required of you.

I would like to request that each household complete a Household Income Form. Although this is not required to participate in the meal program the cumulative data from these forms may benefit our school district in other ways. (grants for STEM equipment, computers, athletics etc.)

The form can be found at: https://www.hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us/departments/food and nutrition

The first fully reimbursable meal is FREE for all students at Breakfast and Lunch. A minimum of three meal components must be chosen at each meal, and one of those three must be a fruit or vegetable.

Ala carte items, milk, snacks, ice cream, beverages- cannot be charged.

23-24 Meal Prices- Meal price for second full meal

All First Breakfast and Lunch meals, for all students, are FREE! The cost for a second full meal- is as follows:

Breakfast - \$1.35

<u>Lunch</u> – Elementary - \$2.25 High School - \$2.50

The district uses MySchoolBucks, an online payment system that can be used to make cafeteria account payments and view your student's account balance and transactions. Please note that you must have your student's school ID code, not their 4-digit lunch number. High School students can find this number on their schedule or a recent copy of their report card.

You can create an account for your child by following the instructions on www.myschoolbucks.com.

We are looking forward to serving healthy, nutritious meals to our students. If you have any questions, please contact the Food Services Department at 518-753-4458 ext. 2516

Sincerely, Michelle Gillespie Cafeteria Manager