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## 2023-24 School Year: Free or Reduced Price School Meal/Milk Applications

August 23, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be advised the District-wide offering of free meals to every student, regardless of meal pricing eligibility status, will not be extended into the 2023-24 school year as the federal government free lunch waivers expired as of June 30, 2022.

The application for free and reduced priced school meals for the 2023-24 school year is available. This application is necessary to determine eligibility for free or reduced priced school meals, State funding to the District, and other school benefits.

It is very important to note that last year's application will expire on October 10, 2023. If your family/student(s) previously were eligible for free or reduced price school meals and a new application is not received by October 9, 2023, the eligibility status will be changed to paid. Meals will be charged at full price until a new application is received and verified as eligible for free or reduced price school meals.

## Meal applications are available to be completed online via Realtime Parent Portal.

- 1. Sign into 'Realtime Parent Portal' through the district website (www.franklintwpschools.org)
  - o Parents/Students → Realtime Parent Portal
- 2. See the left column where 'Meal Application' is visible (once signed in)
  - o Included with the meal application are the following:
    - Letter to Parents
    - Meal Application Instructions
    - Instructions on Linking Students to a meal application within Realtime
    - Sharing Information with Medicaid or NJ Family Care Form (to be filled out)
- To check on your child's meal status:
  - o Sign into 'Realtime Parent Portal'
  - o Select 'Meal Application'
  - o Select 'Click here for the Meal Application Summary'

If you do not have access to a computer, <u>paper copies</u> of the meal/milk application can be obtained at the following locations:

Mary F. Janvier School: 856-629-0431, X1101 Main Road School: 856-697-0220, X2101 Caroline L. Reutter School: 856-694-0223, X3101 BOE Admin Building: 856-629-9500, X1202

If you have any questions or need assistance with the online or paper meal/milk application, please contact Ashley Stewart at 856-629-9500, X1202.