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Dear Parents:

On behalf of the JPPSS Food Services Staff, we welcome your children back to school! Listed below is important information regarding the meal services provided by our department. In addition to lunch, all JPPSS cafeterias offer breakfast programs that are available daily. Breakfast is a critical meal for all of us so that our bodies and brains get a “jump start” after sleeping. A child who is well nourished will perform better in school. Please allow us to contribute to your student’s academic success by participating in our programs!

Did You Know?

- Meal choices will be available in all JPPSS schools this fall.
- JPPSS Food Services Department has a new logo. Formerly called “Choices Café”, we are now known as “**the CAFETERIA**”
- In addition to serving high quality items made for schools, JPPSS cafeterias purchase and serve well known retail brands including Land O’ Lakes, Heinz, Idahoan, Tyson, Jennie-O, Ore-Ida, Pillsbury, General Mills, Malt-O-Meal, True Moo, Kellogg’s, Frito Lay, Dole, and Red Gold.

Free / Reduced Price Meal Application Process

- Your children may qualify to receive meals free or at a reduced price. **Parents are now able to submit free and reduced meal price applications online!** If you do not have a computer with internet access at home, the local library has computers you can use. Computers may also be available at your child’s school. In addition, an online application may be filled out in the Food Services office at 4600 River Road, Marrero, LA between the hours of 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 – 2:30 P.M. The sooner you apply, the quicker your student will receive benefits. To get started, go to our secure website: www.jpsschools.org. Benefits of our online system include: no lost paper work, no wondering what happens to forms containing private information, receiving a confirmation email and receiving benefits faster.
- **A Free/Reduced Price Meal Application and Instructions may be included** with this mailing. The form may be returned to your child’s cafeteria manager, or by mail, or in person to Jefferson Parish Public Schools, Food Services Department, 4600 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072. The department has 10 work days from the date of receipt in our office to process the application. Incomplete applications may be returned to your school to be sent back to you for completion. This will delay processing, so please make sure the application is filled out totally and correctly. Also, please **include a current phone number** so that we may contact you with any questions. Applications returned to the school are handled by many people and may take longer to be processed. The fastest way to have a paper application processed is to bring it to the Food Services office. Applications printed in Spanish are available in JPPSS school offices. **If you have submitted an application and not received a letter stating your child’s eligibility by the cut off dates shown in the Meal Payments section below, it is your responsibility to contact the Food Services office at 349-7687 or 844-349-7687, or by emailing mealapplications@jppss.k12.la.us if you want to receive a processing update.**

Direct Certification Notice

- **A Direct Certification Notice may be included with this mailing.** If you receive this notice, the students living in your household have been **approved to receive free meals** on the basis of participation in the SNAP, FDPIR, or FITAP Programs. **You are not required to complete a meal application.** If the notice does not include the name of every child in your family who attends a Jefferson Parish Public School, please contact our office at **349-7687 or 844-349-7687** so that we can add the additional child to your household group. If you do not wish to receive this benefit, please contact the Food Services Department to have your student’s status changed.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Notice

- A Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Notice may be included in this mailing. If you receive this notice, students living in your household have been approved to receive free meals on the basis of the District’s participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).