

## **Lewiston-Porter Central School District**

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Food Service Provider: Personal Touch

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Dear Lewiston-Porter Families,

We are excited to announce that all student meals will be free this year under New York State's Universal School Meals Program. However, this exciting news also comes with an important challenge for our district—and we need your help.

Lewiston-Porter is classified under the NYS Child Nutrition Program - Provision 2, which requires us to collect meal applications from all families this year. These applications are critical for two reasons:

- 1. The results will <u>determine the percentage</u> (%) of federal funding reimbursed per meal
- 2. The results will set the reimbursement rate from NYS for the next three (3) years

Even if you believe your family won't qualify under income guidelines, <u>we still need your application returned</u>. Without a high rate of returned applications and the best possible reimbursement from the state, any shortfall in the cafeteria fund would need to be covered by the district's general fund. This could directly impact resources for instruction, operations, and programs that benefit all students as the general fund must keep the cafeteria fund whole.

Your participation is essential. By completing and returning your meal application, you are helping protect vital resources for all students in our district.

\*Please note: Any negative meal balance from 2024 -2025 must be paid ~~ Please contact Kristina Patti at 716-219-8033 to discuss options and for more information.

Please take a few minutes to complete and return your application today—it's more important than ever! Thank you for supporting Lewiston-Porter and helping us provide the very best for every student.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Hill
Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services

cc: Personal Touch
Lewiston-Porter CSD Food Service Department