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Dear Parent,

The School Nutrition Program is pleased to serve your children and provide every attempt to make their cafeteria experience pleasant. However, the program is a non-profit program and must follow regulations at all government levels.

Over time, unpaid meal charges, or negative balances on student meal accounts, have continued to increase and they are impacting the school system's ability to provide a quality education to all students. Please know that the school system is working hard to collect on these unpaid charges, but they continue to grow.

For this reason, the decision has been made to discontinue meal charging for **ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** beginning March 1, 2017. Students must have the correct money to purchase a meal or money on their account. There will not be an alternative meal available. Payments may still be made in the cafeteria, or online at [k12paymentcenter.com](http://k12paymentcenter.com). **This decision will not currently affect middle and elementary students.**

As always, if your family feels you qualify for free or reduced meals and have not completed an application, you may obtain one from your child's school, our central office, or online from our main website under Child Nutrition. All charges will still need to be paid in a timely manner, but if you need to contact the cafeteria or central office, someone will be happy to work with you in the best way that suits your situation.

Very Sincerely,

Pamela C. Smith  
School Nutrition Director