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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you the Bangor School Department has been awarded a USDA meal waiver allowing all children attending Bangor public schools to receive free breakfast and lunch until December 31. The free lunches are retroactive to September 1, 2020. If you have paid for lunches, balances will be credited to January 2021, when families will again need to pay for student lunches.

However, it is very important families complete the “Free and Reduced Price Meal Application.” We have programming, such as Title I, that allocates funds based on the number of students receiving free lunch. Without these completed forms, the BSD could lose additional funding resulting in reduced school programming, placing a greater burden on the local taxpayer. Additionally, in January, families who have not been identified as qualifying for free meals, would then need to pay full price. Thus, **please complete the Free and Reduced Price Meal Application.**

The Bangor School Department feels fortunate to know that all children will be eligible for free school meals until December 2020. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child’s school principal.

Educationally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Harris-Smedberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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