

Building The Future One Child At A Time

July 18, 2022

Dear Parents:

With current national attention being focused on children's health and wellness issues, **Union County** School District's Food Service Department is excited to provide parents a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into your child's school meal account at any time. This service also provides parents the ability to view your child's account balance through a web site called MySchoolBucks.com. By having money in each child's account prior to entering the cafeteria, we find the lunch lines move along much faster so your child has more time to eat and be with friends.

Also, parents have the ability to print out a copy of their child's eating history report. This history report will show you all dates and times that your child has purchased a breakfast and lunch within the past thirty days.

We have a secure service to enter free/reduced application online. This is a quick and easy way to get your children's application processed quickly and view their status. There is no charge for this service: www.union.k12.ms.us, click on Lunch Menu, click on School Lunch Application for Free/Reduced Meals.

These services will be available July 18, 2022.

To access these services:

- 1. Simply go to the district web site at www.union.k12.ms.us
- Click on the MySchoolBucks.com link. From this site you will create your account and add money to your child's school meal account. All you need is your child's name, student ID number and school ZIP code. The instructions listed on the back of this page will guide you through the easy online account set up process.
- 3. Click on Lunch Menu, click on School Lunch Application for Free/Reduced Meals. If you need help call 662-534-1960. These applications are checked daily and you will know the status immediately. There is no charge for this process.

Things to know:

- > If you have more than one child in the District you can handle all online prepayments from the same online account.
- > Payments may be made through an existing PayPal account or with a major credit or debit card.
- In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover the bank fees. Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will only be assessed the fee once per deposit transaction. Union School District will not profit from the use of this site.

We are very excited to offer these services again, in direct alignment with the District's Strategic Plan/Safe and Healthy Environments priority, and are confident this new system will benefit you, your child and our District. However, if you choose not to take advantage of the online prepayment service or application you may continue to make advance payments via check, which should be made payable to the **Union County School District**. Please write your <u>child's full name</u> on the check and if you prefer to fill out a paper application, you can.

If you have any questions about these services, please feel free to contact Kelly Hicks, Food Service Director at 662-534-1960.

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