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High Academic Expectations within a Caring School Climate

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To: Parents/Guardians of Students in Oswego School District 308

From: Linda Porth, Food Services Director

Subject: Free/Reduced Lunch Program
Online and Telephone Lunch Prepayment System

Given the status of our nations economy, we wanted to make sure that every family was reminded that there they may be eligible for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program. You may pick up an application at your school or the district office.

Oswego School District 308 has the state of the art online based MealpayPlus system by Horizon Software International.

MealpayPlus is a prepayment system that allows you to make deposits into your children's accounts via the web at www.mealpayplus.com. There is a link each schools website in the lunch menu screen.

- Allows you to sign up and register a child or children in multiple schools on the website
- Accepts credit cards (Visa, Master Card), bank check cards with VISA or MC logo and savings/checking accounts (e-check via ACH)
- Allows you to view child's balance
- Allows you to view payment history
- Allows you to view purchase history
- Deposit confirmations are emailed direct to your email account
- Low balance email reminders can be set up to remind you when your balance reaches a certain limit
- Allows payments and balances to be updated virtually real-time
- Wallet and Auto Replenish feature allows you to set a low balance amount that will automatically replenish your child's account at that balance from your credit card

Money deposited into MealpayPlus will usually arrive at the site within a matter of minutes. On occasion you will see a delay of up to 48 hours. Please set your low balance email reminder early enough for funds not to fully deplete.

MealpayPlus also has a Confidentiality Statement and User Agreement on the MealpayPlus website. Basically, they retain only enough information to process the payment and do not sell the lists to anyone. If you have problems or payment processing questions, you can call 800.859.6508 between the hours of 9:00 - 6:00 EST. After hours, you will be asked to leave your number and you will be called the next business day.

Note: You will need your child's student ID # to sign up and if your child's ID # starts with a zero- you will need to include that zero as part of the ID #.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the conveniences of MealpayPlus!