Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son/daughter will have access to both breakfast and lunch at no cost for the 2015-16 school year. This provision will be for all students who attend the South Bend School District and is not based on any minimum family income as in years past.

**How do the Free Meals work?**

Students who choose to eat school meals will receive food and milk at no charge. All they have to do is show up to the cafeteria and eat! Students will no longer have to pay for school meals, and no attempts will be made to collect money from families for school meals. Visitors will still have to buy breakfast or lunch. Only South Bend students are free.

**Do I have to fill out any paperwork?**

South Bend School District receives state funding for multiple academic programs, and this funding is based on our Free & Reduced Lunch percentage. To continue receiving this funding, we need families to complete and return a simple family income survey, so we can calculate our overall free & reduced lunch percentage. This survey will be sent home with enrollment packets. The survey will have no bearing on whether or not your child receives free breakfast or lunch, and income verification will no longer be necessary. *It is important families return the survey.*

**How long will the new breakfast & lunch program continue?**

South Bend is signed up to continue offering free breakfast and lunch to all students for the next four years. As long as federal funding continues, we will be able to offer this program to families. It is important that families return the family income survey to help ensure we continue to receive other state funding dependent on free & reduced lunch percentage.

**Will the food be different?**

No. South Bend will continue to offer the same menus as previous years. Food will be prepared by our same cooks and served in the same manner as before.