



Maple Lake Public School

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To: Maple Lake Parents/Guardians

RE: Here is an easy way to help the school!

I wanted to take a minute and explain how you can reduce your lunch costs as well as help the school financially. The number of free and reduced students is crucial to our school district. An increased number of students eligible for free and reduced lunches directly increase the district's ability to generate other funding sources such as compensatory revenue, grants, and increased title dollars.

What am I being asked to do?

What I am asking each household to do is to calculate your eligibility for free/reduced lunches using the Federal Income Chart on the first page of the enclosed application. The way you calculate this is to find the size of your household and look at the income listed, if your income falls below the income listed by your household size then your students qualify for free lunch.

Why should I fill out these forms?

There are two reasons why filling this form out is essential: **1) If you qualify you will not have to pay your child's school lunch and 2) If you are eligible, the district will be able to access additional monies which allow us to serve your child better.**

Please take some time to determine whether your student(s) qualifies, as it will significantly help the school. Information on whether your student qualifies is confidential, and your application information is protected by FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act). All forms are kept securely at the school, and all individually identifiable information remains confidential. Only the percentage of students at our school that qualify for free and reduced meals is reported to the state and federal levels. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (320) 963-3114 as I would be happy to help you with the application or explain the benefits of this program.

Your Partner in Education,

Mike Rowe

Superintendent

"Irish Pride"