

# **Killdeer Public Schools is Pleased to Announce** **That Every In-Person Student Will Receive a** **FREE Breakfast and Lunch**

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Monday announced that it would allow schools to continue serving free meals to kids through the end of 2020 or as long as Federal funding allows. Effective immediately, all Killdeer Public in-person Students will receive a free breakfast and lunch; this does not include ala carte items or second servings.

## **Are Distance Learning students eligible for these meals?**

Currently, KPS does not have an adequate number of school nutrition staff or inventory to prepare meals for distance learners. If this changes, we will make an announcement to inform our families.

## **Does a free meal include milk and ala carte items?**

No, the USDA is covering the cost of a breakfast and lunch only. Ala carte or seconds are not eligible for free.

## **Will previous meals be changed to free?**

As soon as we get guidance from USDA, and if they allow reimbursement, we will change it. This may take some time to accomplish. We are asking for your patience as we are wait for guidance and if adjustments can be made.

## **Student Account Balances**

Killdeer Public Schools will continue to track when students eat breakfast or lunch via their lunch accounts. Although students will not be charged, current funds in a student's account can be held until the USDA funding is exhausted.

## **Should our family still apply for free or reduced meals?**

YES, Families are still encouraged to apply for the Free and Reduced Meal Program as this USDA funding is only approved through December 2020 or until funding runs out, whichever comes first. These applications also greatly assist the district in receiving other federal funding, including Title I funding. The application can be obtained at school or on the school web site.