

## **NORTH MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NEGATIVE BALANCES**

#### **Food & Nutrition Service Procedure**

North Mason School District allows all students to purchase meals without cash or money in their meal account. Students will not be turned away or given alternative meals. Parents who do not want their children to purchase a meal once their account has reached negative status can request to have an alert message attached to their meal account by contacting the Nutrition Services Office at 360-277-2121.

**Payments into student lunch accounts can be made at the School office, the Child Nutrition office, in the cafeteria and online.**

Pre School, Elementary, Middle school and James Taylor Highschool students participate in the Community Eligibility Program. This provides free meals to all students. All old balances are required to be paid in a timely manner. Any unpaid balances will carry over to the next school year.

#### **Inactive Students**

Positive or Negative remaining balances from inactive students will be transferred to any active siblings account.

#### **Ala Carte Items**

The purchase of ala carte items when an account is negative, or will become negative due to the charge, is not permitted.

#### **Financial Arrangements**

Payment arrangements may be made for any outstanding balances.

Families may fill out a new "Free and Reduced" form at any time during the year as financial situations may change.

#### **Notification of Low/ Negative Balance**

NMSD sends out reminder phone calls with a pre-recorded message, or an email, on a weekly basis. We want to inform families when a meal account has gone into a negative balance status to ensure a payment can be made. Please confirm the District has your correct contact information.