## Food Service 2022-2023

Pursuant to the authority in Section 2202(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the FFCRA) (<u>PL 116-127</u>), as extended by the Continuing Appropriations Act 2021 and Other Extensions Act (<u>PL 116-159</u>), and based on the exceptional circumstances of this public health emergency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is establishing a waiver to allow the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) to operate when school is open during the regular school year, through June 30, 2022. This waiver is expected to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus (COVID–19).

Section 2202(a) of the FFCRA permits the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a waiver for all states for the purposes of providing meals under the child nutrition programs, with appropriate safety measures, as determined by the Secretary.

The **District is requesting that all families still complete the Free and Reduced Lunch application** available by following this link if not already completed:

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/doc/free-reduced-meal-application.doc

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/doc/free-reduced-meal-application-inst ructions.docx

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/doc/free-reduced-meals-parent-guardia n-letter-FAQ.docx

The reason for completing the form is to allow the District to report an accurate ratio of residents qualifying for free and reduced meals. The most accurate ratios allow the District to <u>increase its</u> <u>qualifications for federal grant funds</u>. These funds are a <u>highly important to the revenue</u> <u>stream of the District</u>. If you have any questions on the Free and Reduced Lunch forms, please contact the District Office at (715) 237-2202 ext.105.