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Dear Canterbury Families,

On February 14, 2023, Governor Lamont signed legislation extending Free School Meals for students. Beginning March 1, 2023, the additional funding will allow eligible school districts to offer one free breakfast and one free lunch to students for the remainder of the school year. Please note this does not include a la carte items.

Families that are eligible to participate in the free and reduced-priced lunch program are strongly encouraged to complete the application. Most families have already completed the application, but if your financial situation changes, please complete the form. Many Canterbury grants are directly linked to the percentage of families that qualify for free- or reduced-price lunch. For more information on how to fill out the Application for Free and Reduced-price Meals, please review the following video, <https://vimeo.com/777367788>. You can also find additional resources and information on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) here, <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Eligibility-for-Free-and-Reduced-price-Meals-and-Free-Milk-in-School-Nutrition-Programs/Documents#AddendumC>

Be advised that any balance that was incurred from January 1, 2023, through February 28, 2023, must be paid. The Food Services Department will send negative balance notices to families, so please be aware that there may still be unpaid balances for your student(s). Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Director of Food Services, Thomas O'Connor, at 860-376-7685 or email him at toconnor@griswoldpublicschools.org

In Partnership,

Steve Rioux
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