

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your student(s) balanced and nutritious meals. Unfortunately, the U.S.D.A., whom administers the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, has announced that meals will return to pre-Covid pricing **next fall**. **Meals will no longer be free for all students beginning with the 22/23 academic year.**

Deer Valley Unified School District understands that our students and families still face many, many economic challenges. We highly encourage parents/guardians to complete a Free and Reduced Meal Application for their household **this summer**. Please note that the USDA has not yet released the applications for the 2022/23 academic year. **All families that have updated email contacts in PowerSchools will receive notification from DVUSD in July, as soon as the applications are released.**

We know your time is valuable. Please note that the few minutes required to complete a **meal application can also offer additional opportunities** to support and assist your family. Students eligible for free/reduced meals can also qualify for additional benefits – It's More Than a Meal Application!

Please contact [lisa.romberg@dvusd.org](mailto:lisa.romberg@dvusd.org) with any questions or concerns.

Wishing you and your students a safe and fun summer.

Sincerely,  
Joan Chiarello  
Director, Food & Nutrition

**The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information requested in order to verify your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not provide the information or provide incomplete information, your children may no longer receive free or reduced price meals. Pursuant to Section of 7 of the Privacy Act, disclosure of your Social Security number is not required. We do not need and are not requesting any Social Security numbers that may appear on documents you submit.

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