



SUSQUENITA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As a reminder, according to Board Policy 808.1, no student with a negative balance will be able to purchase a la carte items in the cafeteria. By definition, a la carte items are “extras,” the selection of which varies by building, but examples are ice cream, chips, and/or additional beverages. Additionally, if an a la carte purchase will make a student’s cafeteria balance negative, the a la carte transaction will be unable to proceed.

This also applies to students on the USDA free and reduced lunch program. A la carte items are not covered by the federal program.

Students are not permitted to use cash at the register for a la carte purchases.

I want to make it clear that a negative balance DOES NOT affect a student’s ability to purchase lunch. Our district does not engage in what is commonly referred to as “lunch shaming” and students with a negative balance can still purchase lunch selections from the daily menu. At this time students may enjoy a breakfast meal each day without charge. This policy only applies to a la carte items, or extra purchases beyond the daily menu.

You can monitor your student’s cafeteria balance and make payments on the SchoolCafe website and app. If you need help setting up a School Cafe account, you can view our help document here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TdlXqQ4F0JenMg7l-gBmya5Lp2h8MZHKU49Ow5_Uefc/edit

Additionally, you can send cash or a check in with your student in an envelope clearly marked with their name, lunch number and dollar amount.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter T. Bard', is written over a white background.

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