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Food Services Division

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students Receiving Special Education Services:

This letter is written in collaboration from the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) Food Services Division and Special Education Division offices. We thank you for allowing our divisions to support the needs of your children and provide the adequate resources necessary to ensure that every student receives a quality education and meal nourishment daily.

To better serve you and your child, we are providing information to clarify meal account pricing for students receiving special education services.

The Food Services Division provides meals to all enrolled children in LAUSD. The designation of payment is determined by a student's household eligibility to qualify for a free or reduced price meal. If the student's household does not qualify for a free or reduced-price meal, the student's meal account is deemed as "pricing" which requires payment for each meal received. This determination is in effect for all LAUSD students. There is no waiver policy in effect for students with special needs, therefore, special education student accounts are charged accordingly.

If you have any questions on how to obtain, fill out and complete a meal application, please contact the Food Services Division Meal Application Unit at (213) 241-3185. You may also visit our website at <u>café-la@lausd.net</u> to complete an online application, if desired.

We look forward to continuing our service to your child. Please feel free to contact our Division offices if you have any questions at (213) 241-2993 for Food Services and (213) 241-6701 for Special Education.

Sincerely,

David G. Binkle, Director Food Services Division

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