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### FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

The Board recognizes the importance of good nutrition to each student's educational performance.

The Board shall provide eligible children with breakfast and lunch at a reduced rate or at no charge to the student.

Children eligible for free or reduced-price meals shall be determined by the criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program. These criteria are issued annually by the Federal government through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's administration of the School Nutrition Programs.

The Board designates the Food Service Director and Director of Business Services to determine, in accordance with Board standards, the eligibility of students for free and/or reduced-price meals.

The schools shall annually notify all families of the availability, eligibility requirements, and/or application procedure for free and reduced-price meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the school. The notice shall contain all information required by State and Federal regulation. The District shall see out and apply for such Federal, State, and local funds as may be applied to the District's program of free and reduced-price meals.

Any student identified as homeless, a foster child, a runaway, a migrant, shall be considered eligible for free meals and free milk.

#### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

The following statement applies to all programs administered by the District that are funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA):

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or, retaliation for prior civil rights activity. The District's nondiscrimination statement below is complementary to the District's nondiscrimination policies, including Policy 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Education Opportunity and Policies 1422/3122/4122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Person with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA

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through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to the USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992.

Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
   Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
   1400 Independence Avenue, SW
   Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- 2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- 3. E-mail: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Legal Resources: 115.34-115.345, 120.10(16), 120.13(10), Wis. Stats. 7 C.F.R. Part 245 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.

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