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Dear Parents/Guardians,

FSP would like to welcome you and your children back to the start of a new school year. Last year was extraordinary in so many ways; however, there is hope on the horizon for a better year ahead for all of us. Supporting your local school's meal programs is greatly appreciated.

As we are gearing up for each school's opening, we have terrific news for you and your children . . . All breakfast and lunch meals will remain **free to all children** attending classes in school or those who meet the requirements for eLearning! We continue to refine our menus to provide enjoyable and nutritionally sound meals to the children. Milk will continue to be included with breakfast and lunch meals.

Attention will be given to promote the Wellness Policy of the Archdioceses of Chicago. Signage for the serving areas will encourage healthy eating and physical exercise. Additional tips will be added to the menus as well. We have a strong obligation to draw attention to the physical well-being as it relates to food consumption and physical activities.

Even though your child will be receiving free meals in school this year, we strongly urge ALL parent/guardians to complete a Free & Reduced Meal Application, for other potential benefits that might be available in the new school year. Each school will have the applications in the next few weeks. Once completed, please return the application to your school office. The applications will be reviewed for eligibility and you will be notified. Participation is encouraged.

If you should have any questions, please contact your school's food server coordinator at your local school.