



Sweetwater Independent School District

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To: Parents/Guardians of SISD Students
From: Dr. George McFarland
Superintendent, Sweetwater ISD
Date: 5/13/2019
Re: Donations to Overdrawn School Lunch Accounts

At the end of the school year it is not uncommon for families to have leftover funds remaining in their school lunch accounts. Sweetwater ISD is initiating a program that will allow families the option to donate their leftover funds to a shared lunch account for students. The donations into this account will be made available to children who do not have the funds needed to pay for their breakfast or lunch during the school day and have instead received an exchange meal in its place (please know that this refers to students whose family situations have not allowed them to be qualified for free/reduced meals). As you are likely aware, the district recently implemented the meal exchange program for students with overdrawn lunch balances in an effort to reduce the district's losses financially. That has resulted in an almost 50% decrease in monies owed to the district due to overdrawn accounts. This donation process was inquired about from several district parents and it provides another means in which the district is attempting to ensure that district finances are handled with good stewardship by minimizing possible losses at the year's end.

A few extra dollars from families with the ability to donate can help us make sure all of our children have consistent access to a variety of nutritious school meals, while simultaneously keeping Sweetwater ISD's finances optimally maintained.

Families who do not wish to make a donation will have their full account balance carried over into the next school year. Families who wish to donate a portion of their remaining balance to the Lunch Donation Fund (e.g., "up to \$5.00") will have any remaining amount above the donated portion carried over to next year's lunch account balance for their child.

In order to make this process convenient for you, the district is offering multiple ways for you to share your intentions with regard to this program (**no response ensures that your lunch account balance will not be changed**). Completed forms may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- Submit the form online at <https://forms.gle/87JsUhCCLcFEYrgx8>
- Hand delivery to: Any campus Food Services Manager between the hours of 7am to 2pm M-F



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- Mailed to: Barbara Woolsey, Food Services Director, 207 Musgrove Street, Sweetwater, TX. 79556
- Email to: barbara.woolsey@sweetwaterisd.net

Forms will be accepted from **May 13, 2019 to August 16, 2019.**

Please direct any questions regarding the Sweetwater ISD Food Service Department's Lunch Fund Donation to Barbara Woolsey, Food Services Director at 325-235-2798 or barbara.woolsey@sweetwaterisd.net. Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George McFarland".

George McFarland, Ed.D



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Sweetwater ISD Food Services Department Leftover School Lunch Account Funds Donation

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Student Grade: _____

Student School: _____

Donation Preferences *(please check one):*

- I wish to donate my child's entire remaining balance.
- I wish to donate a portion of my child's remaining balance. Please donate up to \$ _____
 - Please carry over any amount above this portion into next school year.
- I do not wish to donate.
 - Please carry my remaining balance over into next school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Thank you for your support of the Sweetwater ISD Food Services Department and our children!