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ZM MESSENGER

WELCOME BACK!

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School board made some decisions at their meeting regarding Covid 19 recommendations. The decisions that were made are in line with the current recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). These agencies both strongly recommend masking in order to control the spread of the Covid virus. The CDC and MDH stop short of making it a requirement at this time. The district encourages families to review the information from these two agencies and strongly recommends you to send your children to school with a mask as they suggest. The recommendation however is not a requirement, staff members, parents, and families can make the final decision on this. If the CDC and MDH change their position on this topic the district will review local policies.

The District will assemble the Local Covid Committee that was in place last year to review and make future recommendations to the School Board regarding covid policies. Locally we will create parameters to be used to determine what level of masking, quarantine, or other mitigation strategies are needed. Note that the current decision to defer masking to the MDH recommendation is a start, which means things could change based on local data.

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- August 30—September 2—Teacher Inservice
- September 6—Labor Day-No school
- September 7—First Day—7th—12th Grade
- September 7 & 8—Before School Conference-PreK—6
- September 9—First Day—K—6
- September 13—First Day of Pre-School
- September 13—School Board Work Session
- September 27—Homecoming Week
- September 27—School Board Meeting

COVID-19 UPDATE

Masking: ZM Schools will follow CDC and MDH recommendation to “strongly recommend masking”.

Parents, staff and students are free to choose if they wish to follow this recommendation. Quarantine: Following MDH recommendation, Positive cases will be isolated. Family members of positive cases will be quarantined. Close contact individual will be notified and families can choose if they wish to quarantine (using the shortened quarantine rules) OR mask for 10 days. Close contacts are recommended to be tested between 3-5 days after exposure.

2021-2022 YEAR AT A GLANCE

August 30-September 2—Teacher Inservice

September 6—Labor Day

September 7—First Day 7-12

September 7 & 8-Pre-K—6 Grade before school conferences

September 9—Frist Day K—6

September 13—Preschool Begins

October 13—Early Release

November 1—7-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 5—End of 1st Quarter-Teacher Work Day-No School

November 9—Pre K—12 Conferences

November 10—Early Release

November 16—K—6 Conferences

November 24—Comp Day-No School

November 25 & 26—No School-Holiday

December 8—Early Release

December 23-31—No Schol-Winter Break

January 3—School Resumes

January 12—Early Release

January 14—End of 1st Semester

January 17—No School-Teacher Work Day

February 9—Early Release

February 18—Teacher Flex Day-No Students

February 21—No School-Holiday

March 7—7-12 Parent Teacher Conferences

March 9—Early Release

March 15—Prek-12 Conferences

March 17—PreK—6 Conferences

March 24—End of 3rd Quarter

March 25—No School-Teacher Work Day

April 13—Early Release

April 15—No School-Holiday

April 18—Comp Day-No Students

May 11—Early Release

May 27—Graduation

May 30—Holiday-No School

June 2—Last Student Day

June 3—Teacher Work Day

Early Release Time: Buses leave Mazeppa at 12:30 pm and Zumbrota at 12:45 pm

SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

ZM District Office has moved. The new mailing address is 705 Mill Street, Zumbrota, MN 55992 and is temporarily located in the early childhood building at 323 W 5th Street, Zumbrota

www.zmschools.us: The school website, along with Facebook and Twitter, will keep you up to date and in the know about daily school happenings. Through the website portal parents can pay fees, deposit money in their child's account, or register for Community Ed classes. Check www.zmschools.us often!

Infinite Campus: Parents are strongly urged to sign up for the Infinite Campus Parent Portal where lunch accounts, report cards, and other vital information is available. The permission form is available on the school website under the Parents tab along the top ribbon. Fill out the permission form and return it to a school office. For security sign-up purposes, parents must bring their photo ID when they return their forms. If you have previously set up your portal rights, it is not necessary to do so again.

Messenger: The Messenger component of Infinite Campus will be the provider for instant alert messaging during the school year. As long as you have a current phone number in Infinite Campus, you will receive emergency alerts from the school. Your child's school office secretary can answer any questions you may have regarding these emergency alerts.

Meal Payments: Meal payments can be made online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This real-time service enables parents to see their child's meal account balances and activity on a daily basis. Questions should be addressed to Jill Duitsman, Food Service Director for Lunchtime Solutions. Phone number is 507-732-1417.

Attendance Policy: Please notify your child's school office before 8:00 am if you child will be absent. You may also email the office secretary. Students who wish to be excused during the day must present a written notice or parents must call prior to 8:00 am on the day they are to be excused. Please check in at the school office when you pick up your child. They must be signed out by a parent.



ZM Schools welcomes new staff!

- ✦ Karl Jacobson—ALP
- ✦ Ellen Hinck—MS/HS Language Arts
- ✦ Morgan Stamschror—Elementary Counselor
- ✦ Jake Kostel—Title 1
- ✦ Lidia Wallerich—Elementar Achievement and Integration
- ✦ Kristin Schmalzriedt—3rd Grade

- ✦ Tessa Nobach—Early Childhood
- ✦ Anne Idler— MS SPED
- ✦ Lee Sjolander—Paraprofessional
- ✦ Laura Heitman-Long Term Substitute

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KENNEDY TRANSPORTATION 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Transportation for the school year goes back to almost normal. We plan to run our busses at 100% capacity. We will continue to encourage families to sit together and will use our camera system to assist us with contact tracing if needed.

The CDC still requires masks to be worn on school buses regardless of vaccination status.

ZM students receive bus safety training within the first three weeks of school as required by state mandate. The competencies students must attain in order to ride the bus include:

- Knowledge and understanding that riding the bus is a privilege, not a right;
- Knowledge and understanding of district conduct and safety policies;
- Ability to explain the school bus danger zones;
- Understanding safe loading and unloading procedures and demonstrating safe crossing procedures;
- Proficiency in bus evacuation and emergency drills.

Kennedy Transportation will conduct the training, along with support from classroom teachers.

Please feel free to reach out to either Scott or Ashley with any questions. Zumbrota bus shed: 507.732.7670 or at kennedytransportation8287@gmail.com



It is important that everyone knows and follows the bus laws:

- ◆ When amber lights are flashing in front and back of the bus, you should stop your vehicle immediately.
- ◆ You must stop for a bus when red lights are flashing and stop arm is extended; this means that children are getting on and off the bus.
- ◆ If you fail to stop for a bus with RED LIGHTS FLASHING & STOP ARM EXTENDED, it is chargeable as a gross misdemeanor punishable by a fine and/or jail time.

Let's keep everyone safe this year!



Notes from the school nurse.....

Summer is winding down and it is time to start thinking about what paperwork needs to be turned in before students return to school in August/September.

COVID-19: The COVID-19 situation is constantly changing. In the past couple weeks MN has been seeing a rise in the number of persons with the Delta variant of COVID-19. This variant is a much more contagious variant than the ones we have seen previously. This variant spread more than twice as easily from one person to another. We are continuing to work with MDH and county public health to monitor this situation for our school.

Currently all Minnesota schools must follow Federal Government and Minnesota Rule Requirements:

* Face coverings: All people are required by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) order to wear face coverings on all indoor public transportation conveyances (airports, public buses, etc.), including school buses.

* CDC: Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-mask-public-transportation.html)

* Handling a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19: Minnesota Rule 4605.7070 requires any person in charge of any institution, school, child care facility, or camp to report cases of COVID-19 to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

o Please continue to report positive COVID cases to the school nurses.

Medications: The health office requires new orders each school year for all medications. If your student requires daily medication or as needed medications for the 2021-22 school year please have your primary provider update medication orders and have them sent to the school.

Orders can be faxed directly to the school. Primary: 507-732-4522, Elementary: 507-732-1421, Middle School/High School: 507-732-4511. All medications must be dropped off by an adult and may not be sent to school with student in backpack for the safety of our students. 7th grade parents and new students you may bring medications to the open house on 9/1/21 from 4-6 pm.

Health Conditions: We want to ensure that all students at ZM are healthy, safe and ready to learn. If you have a student with an ongoing health condition (Asthma, Allergies, Diabetes, Seizures, etc) please contact the health office so that we can have an up-to-date plan for the 2021-22 school year. Contact Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School Nurse with any questions via email: tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us or phone: 507-732-7848.

Required Immunizations for 12th graders, 7th graders and Kindergarten students:

Does your child have all the required immunizations for school??? Now is the time to turn in your child's immunization sheets! It is important that your child's paperwork is turned in to the health office prior to the start of the new school year. Students WILL NOT be able to start school in the September unless immunization are up to date and on record with the school by the first day of school.

Immunizations are required by Minnesota law and must be completed before students can start school in the fall. Kindergarten, 7th grade and 12th grade students have several requirements. All students in grades 7-12 need to show proof of a Tetanus Diphtheria booster shot and meningococcal vaccine after the age of 11 and meningococcal booster after age 16. A complete list of required immunizations is available on the ZM school webpage under the Health Services link under the Parents tab.

SENIORS - Important Meningococcal Immunization Updates: All 12th grade students must be up to date with their Meningococcal immunizations. Students are due for a booster at age 16 to provide protection when they are at the highest risk. Since fall of 2020 all Minnesota schools are required to report to the state how many high school seniors have their second Meningococcal immunizations. Seniors must have this vaccine or have filled out conscientious objection paperwork prior to school starting September 7th. Now is the time to get these up to date!

What is meningococcal disease? • Meningococcal disease is a rare, serious illness caused by a bacteria (*Neisseria meningitidis*). It can cause meningitis, which is an infection of the brain and spinal cord, and it can also cause blood infections.

How does meningococcal disease spread? • Meningococcal disease is spread by contact with secretions (saliva or spit) from the nose and throat. • It can be spread through kissing, sharing silverware, drinking directly from the same container, sharing a cigarette or lipstick, and having close social contact (living in the same household). • It is not spread through casual contact, such as being in the same room or touching the same object.

Who is at risk? • In general, the risk of becoming infected with meningococcal disease is low, but anyone can get it. However, some people are at increased risk, such as: • First year college students who live in residential housing. • People who have an immune disorder called complement component deficiency or who take Solaris (eculizumab). • People with a damaged spleen or whose spleen has been removed.

When should my child be vaccinated? All 11 to 12 year olds should be vaccinated (since Sept. 1, 2014, changes to Minnesota's Immunization Law required this immunization for all students entering 7th grade). Older teens need a second shot when they are 16 years old so they stay protected when their risk is the highest. Teens who got meningococcal vaccine for the first time when were 13, 14, or 15 years old should still get the booster shot when they are 16 years old. If your older teen didn't get the meningococcal shot at all, you should talk to their doctor about getting it as soon as possible.



MEAL BENEFIT INFORMATION

Our school provides healthy meals each day. The United States Department of Agriculture(USDA) is allowing schools to provide meals for the 2021-2022 school year through a provision of the National School Lunch Program called the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). A waiver has been issued by the USDA in order to support access to nutritious meals while minimizing potential exposure to COVID-19.

Our school has chosen to use this waiver and operate the SSO which enables us to provide meals free of charges for all students.

However, your child(ren) may qualify for additional benefits such as reduced fees or the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) which is a federal temporary emergency nutrition benefit that is loaded onto electronic cards for families to purchase food. At public schools, your application also helps the school to qualify for educational funds and food discounts. Almost all federal dollars that the district received comes from the percent of qualifying Free and Reduced students in the district. That is why it is important for you to complete the application if you believe you qualify.

File your application online at the school website:

www.zmschools.us

Under Parents Tab

Click on Infinite Campus and Login Infinite Campus

Click on the More tab at the bottom of page

Click on Meal Benefits Tab to start the application

Or mail your application to:

Zumbrota-Mazeppa District Office

705 Mill Street

Zumbrota, MN 55992

Who should complete the application? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can qualify without reporting household income. Alternatively, children can qualify if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

School Breakfast

Breakfast is served in the dining areas before school starts. Please encourage your student to participate in school breakfast. Research studies show that eating breakfast can help students perform better in the classroom. All Kindergarten Students receive breakfast for free through a State sponsored program

School Lunch

School lunch will offer a wide variety of choices for students. All students have three entrée choices daily for the younger students and five or more entrée choices daily for our older students.. All meals include an entrée choice, a hot vegetable plus the unlimited Fruit & Veggie Bar, and milk choices.

Milk/Snack Break

Grade K to 6 will have the opportunity to sign up for an afternoon snack/ milk break. The cost of the snack break is \$60 for the year and milk is \$45 for the year for ALL students.

Kindergarten Students receive the milk for free through a State program.

Lunchtime Solutions will , once again, be providing the food service program in the Zumbrota Mazeppa School District. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with some idea of what to expect from our food service program. If you have any questions or comments about our program, please feel free to contact Jill Duitsman at 507-251-2643 For your convenience, our menus are posted monthly on the School District website. Lunch and breakfast prices are listed below, along with extra entrée prices and extra milk prices.





ANNUAL PARENT NOTIFICATIONS

Minnesota Statute requires we provide annual notification to parents, staff, and students of Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools of the topics below. If you have any questions, please use the contact number found in the notices.

LEAD-IN-WATER ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every 5 years. This statute also requires school districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and to notify parents of the availability of the information. Notification may be accomplished by publishing a statement in the “Back to School” newsletter or publication that is available to staff, student, parents and the public.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a lead in water management plan and testing program that complies with Minnesota Statute 121A.335, as well as recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

For more information on Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools lead reduction and testing program, please contact the District at 507-732-1400.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools has an indoor air quality management plan that outlines specific policies and procedures used in the district to address indoor air quality issues. The District Health and Safety Committee chaired Steve Pahl and the Institute for Environmental Assessment, the district’s health and safety consultant, review the plan annually. If you have any questions concerning indoor air quality or would like to use the EPA’s Tools for Schools checklists, please contact the District at 507-732-1400.

AHERA ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

During the past school year and continuing into the 2021-2022 school year, the following asbestos management plan activities have been or are currently being completed. These activities are pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 763- “Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools; Final Rule and Notice.”

- One (1) Semi-Annual Periodic Surveillance and One (1) Third-Year Re-Inspection
- Asbestos removal for renovation project
- Notification of Asbestos Locations for Short-Term Workers (Electricians, Plumbers, etc.)
- Training of District Personnel

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools has contracted with the Institute for Environmental Assessment to provide environmental consulting services.

The complete updated Asbestos Management Plan for Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools can be found in the District office or by phoning 507-732-1400. The Management Plan can be viewed, without cost or restriction, during normal working hours. Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$.10 per page. Any questions concerning this notice, or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to the District at 507-732-1400.

PESTICIDE NOTICE

All MN schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide application on school property. Pesticides include chemicals which are used to control insects, weeds, rodents or other pests as defined by the law (M.S.123b.575, Subd.9). To be notified about pesticide applications or any other questions regarding the District’s pest management practices please contact the District at 507-732-1400.

Tentative schedules for application of weed control chemicals and pesticide treatments are kept in the Custodial/Maintenance Office.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such impairment. In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the ZM School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system. Our school district (#2805) shall annually attempt to identify and locate every qualified individual with disabilities residing in our jurisdiction who is not receiving a public education. If you have a child thought to have a disability and want more information, please contact the Section 504 contact persons: Primary/Middle/High Schools: Katie G. Kennedy 507-732-7395 or Elementary School: Morgan Stam-schror 507-732-1420.

2021-22 Application for Educational Benefits – Seamless Summer Option

Complete one application per household for all children. Please use pen (not a pencil). Mail or return completed form to: [School/District Information]

STEP 1: List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

Definition: A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Read how to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits for more information. Adults over grade 12 living in the same household should be reported in Step 3. If your children attend different districts or charter/loopublic schools, return an application at each one.

Child's First Name (list all children in household)	MI	Child's Last Name	School	Grade	Birthdate	Foster Child (Y)
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

STEP 2: Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MEFP or FDIPIR? Medical assistance does not qualify. If NO > Go to STEP 3.

If YES -> Enter SNAP, MEFP or FDIPIR Case Number (between 4-9 digits, do not report EBT card number) _____ then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

STEP 3: Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered "Yes" to STEP 2)

- A. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Adult Household Member: XXX-XX- Or Check if Adult has No SSN: Total Number of All Household Members (Children + Adults)
- B. Child Income.

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income, such as from a part time job or SSI. Please include the TOTAL income received by all children listed in STEP 1. Do not include income received by adults in the box to the right.

Total Income Received by All Children	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. All Adult Household Members (including yourself). For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income only. If they do not receive income from any source, write "0" or leave any fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Not sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income" for information. "Sources of Income" will help you with the Child Income section and All Adult Household Members section.

Names of All Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Gross Earnings from Working at Jobs				Report income before deductions or taxes in whole dollars (no cents).	Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?		Any Other Gross Income				
	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Monthly	Yearly	Net income from Farms or Self-Employment. Do not duplicate elsewhere.	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. Include children who are temporarily away at school or in college.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
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STEP 4: Contact information and adult signature. "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

I have checked this box if I do not want my information shared with Minnesota Health Care Program as allowed by state law.

Printed name of adult signing form _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address (if available) _____ Apt# _____ City _____ Zip _____

SIGN HERE: Signature of Household Adult _____ Date _____

Do Not Fill Out: For School Office Use Conversions to Annualize All Income:	All Total Income (include child and adult income)					Verified? Attach Tracker	Free After Verified	Reduced After Verified	Denied After Verified
	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2X Month	Monthly	Annualize				
	X52	X26	X24	X12	X1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Determining Official Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official Signature: _____ Date: _____

OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. Respond to both Step One, Ethnicity and Step Two, Race.

Step One: Ethnicity (check one): Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Step Two: Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earnings from work Social Security Disability Payments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Survivor's Benefits Income from person outside the household Income from any other source 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes) Net income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash Assistance from State or local government Supplemental Security Income Unemployment benefits Worker's compensation Alimony payments Child support payments Veteran's benefits Strike benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security Disability benefits Regular income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Rental income Regular cash payments from outside household

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FOPR Identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to MDE as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

Nondiscrimination statement: In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons 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 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, you have two options: 1. Complete the **USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form**, (AD-3027) found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office; or, 2. Write a letter addressed to USDA; 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 one of the following methods:

- (1) 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) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.
- This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Sharing Information with Other Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Date: August 6, 2021

To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced-price meals.

- Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application with _____

- Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application with _____

- Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application with _____

If you checked yes to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is shared for the child(ren) listed below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Child's Name: _____ School: _____


Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

For more information, you may call Amber Rasmussen at 507-732-1400 or email at amberr@zmsch.k12.mn.us.

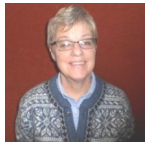
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