



# *Cromwell Public Schools*

*"Placing Students First"*

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Dear Cromwell Families,

As you may already know, the Cromwell School District's lunch program is self funded, and like many other self funded programs, we are facing an increase in the number of lunches being charged in the cafeterias and left unpaid. In fact, the frequency of students charging their lunch has increased significantly during recent months. Often the monies due are never paid leaving the school food service program with an uncollectible debt.

Cromwell is not unique to this issue. In fact, the USDA has asked that all school districts experiencing difficulty in collecting money for charged lunches institute a policy in line with their recommendation. Specifically, they are proposing that the cafeteria provide an alternative meal to students who do not have money and need to charge their lunch.

Therefore, effective November 2, 2009, students with **2** or more lunch charges will be discreetly informed of the situation and will receive an alternate lunch of a cheese or turkey sandwich on wheat bread, a cup of fruit, and a carton of white milk until their account is paid in full.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matt A. Bisceglia, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Judy Nolan, Accounts Payable Bookkeeper/Cafeteria

Cromwell Public School Cafeteria Managers:

Ms. Deborah Linehan – ECS      Ms. Sandra Shaw – CMS

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