



GARNET VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Attention Garnet Valley Parents/Guardians:

In January 2015 School Districts across Pennsylvania were notified by the PDE State Director of Child Nutrition Programs of new regulations for District Food Service Accounts. The regulations stipulate that any bad debt as a result of students “charging” meals and a la carte items is not an allowable cost under the program. Charging of meals is defined as any instance in which a student is allowed to take a meal or a la carte item without sufficient funds to pay for the item. Any bad debt accumulated within the food service program must be satisfied with a transfer from another fund such as the general fund.

The guideline continues, if a School District does allow a student to charge for meals, the District must have a meal charge policy in place regarding charging of meals. The District’s current meal charge policy can be reviewed on the District website at:

<http://www.garnetvalleyschools.com/Page/9750>

For your convenience, the Point of Sale (P.O.S.) system will allow you to pre-pay meals/a la carte items at school using cash or check or pre-payments can be made on-line via myschoolbucks.com. For more information about the District’s on-line system with myschoolbucks.com please visit the District website at:

<http://www.garnetvalleyschools.com/Page/9752>

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying for meals for your child/children, please consider applying for the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program at paschoolmeals.com and/or you can contact Charlene Price in the Business Office who would be happy to go over the application and answer any questions you may have. She can be reached at 610-579-7379.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Wilson
Director of Business and Support Services

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