

## **Free Meals Update - January 18, 2023**

Important update - the School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) funds, which temporarily provided breakfast and lunch at no cost for all students during the beginning of the year, was a limited program. Based on additional guidance received recently from the State of CT, the remaining balance of Ledyard's portion of the SMART funds grant was utilized during the first school days of January 2023. Wednesday, January 18, 2023, will be the last day for free meals. **Beginning Thursday, January 19, 2023, students will be responsible to pay for breakfast and lunch unless they qualify for free or reduced meals;** see below for the application.

### **Free and Reduced Lunch Application**

This school year's free & reduced lunch application is available online, [click here](#).

Applications are strictly confidential. If you need a paper copy of the application, contact your school secretary.

Note - if you have recently filled out the application, it is being processed and no action is needed. If you are direct certified by the state (for example, you receive SNAP, TANF, or other similar benefits, no action is needed and you do not need to submit a FRL application.

If you have any questions, contact Eva Aller, Business Office Secretary, [ealler@ledyard.net](mailto:ealler@ledyard.net) or 860-464-9255 x1300.

### **Student Food Service Accounts and My School Bucks**

Students may bring cash or a check to school to add funds to their food service account, or use My School Bucks to add funds. Instructions and more information are available [here](#).

### **Ledyard.net Food Service Website**

Please [visit us on the web](#) for menus, meal prices, access to the payment portal, free and reduced lunch information, and much more!

Thank you,  
Ledyard Public Schools