



September 11, 2008

Dear Edmonds School District Community:

As you are aware, with the start of this school year, we changed the school meal IOU practice for students who did not present adequate funds to purchase school meals. It was never the district's intent to have the process result in students being embarrassed or having to discard food. We are very sorry that this has occurred. While we are working on this, we are temporarily putting on hold the practice of substituting the meal with a sandwich or a muffin if a student does not have enough money in his or her meal account.

We are inviting parents and school leaders to meetings with district staff Wednesday, September 17 to review the current practices, the federal food service regulations, explore different options, and develop a better way of putting an IOU policy in place. Once the new procedure is developed and ready to implement, we will share it with students, staff, and parents.

If you have questions or would like to participate in the meetings September 17, please feel free to contact Marla Miller, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations at [millerM@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:millerM@edmonds.wednet.edu)

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the various complex issues related to this process and seek to find a way that is compassionate for students and fiscally responsible.

Sincerely,

Nick J. Brossoit, Ed.D.  
Superintendent