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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pearl River school district recognizes that at times students may come to school without sufficient funds to pay for lunch. We are also aware that it is important not to have students go without lunch. In an attempt to balance the needs of the students and the needs of the school lunch program to be compensated, we have adopted a policy to address charging school meals.

Please read the attached policy, and contact your child's principal should you have any questions regarding this policy.

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CHARGING SCHOOL MEALS

The Board of Education recognizes that, on occasion, students may forget to bring meal money to school. To ensure that students do not go hungry, but also to promote responsible student behavior and to minimize the fiscal burden on the district, all district schools shall follow guidelines with regard to meal charges.

- No more than five meals per student may be charged
- Only regular meals may be charged, that is, only what is on the menu
- No snacks may be charged
- A computer-generated point of sale system shall be used for identifying and recording all charged meals, as well as for collecting repayments

This policy applies to all paying students whether they are paying full-price or reduced-price.

A student who abuses this policy may be denied a meal. If school authorities suspect that a student may be abusing this policy, they must first provide written notice to the parent that if he/she continues to abuse this policy, the privilege of charging meals will be refused.

The school district shall send a letter home to all parents on an annual basis, prior to the opening day of school, notifying them of the requirements of this policy.

All schools shall maintain a system for accounting for charged meals that follows state guidelines.

Ref: Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S. C. 1771 et seq.
National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S. C. 1715 et seq.
Guidance Document, State Education Department, Child Nutrition Program; "Establishing a Meal Charge Policy", August 2005

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