



# DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The Government has made a final ruling on milk substitution for school lunches. A portion of this ruling is:

- Non-dairy beverages offered as a fluid milk substitute must meet the established nutrient standards as indicated in Question 19 in USDA memo SP35-2009.
- Juice and water will no longer be permitted as a substituted for milk. parents of the students impacted by this change must be notified that USDA has changed the policy.

As you can see, I can no longer substitute water for milk. I have looked into Lactaid free milk from our milk supplier – Rutters. With the cost per pint of this milk, we have concluded that this is not a viable alternative.

There are two options available to you:

1. Your student can continue to receive water with their meal, BUT they will be charged for the drink.
2. You may have your student bring in their own water or Lactaid free milk, with their name on the container. They should bring it to the cafeteria, where we will keep it cold and they then can pick it up when they go through the lunch line.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 717-637-5969, Ext. 204.

Sincerely,

Holly M. Sorice, Cafeteria Manager