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Good Morning,

At the start of each school year parents and guardians are asked to complete several forms as part of the registration packet. One of the forms was the Free and Reduced Meals Application. Completion of this form has always been crucial because the information gathered is used to determine whether your child is eligible for free or reduced priced meals at school. This year, because all students are free, many of our parents saw no reason to fill out this application, certainly understandable from the parent perspective. However, **these applications are also used to determine what federal funds the school will receive in order to support important programs** such as our Title I reading and math programs, offering counseling services to students through Title V funds, and providing professional development for our staff through Title II funds. Because of this, the state has developed a different form, called the Household Survey which helps to determine the amount of funding the schools will get for academic resources. **Completing this form is one way you as a parent or guardian can invest in your student's education.**

To help families, who have not yet completed this form, I have linked the form [here](#) for you to print if possible. If not, you are welcome to pick one up at your child's school office. Please complete the form and return it to your child's school. Any information obtained will remain confidential and you will not be required to provide your exact income but rather where your family income would fall within different ranges. **If you have already completed your student's Online Annual Update (OAU), there is nothing more you need to do. This information is included with the OAU.**

We greatly appreciate you taking the time to work with us to get this information submitted to the state so that we can continue to provide critical academic support for all RSU #3 students.

Thank you and have a great day,

Lisa Roux, Assistant Superintendent