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Dear Parents,

On October 9, the Food and Nutrition Service through the USDA extended twelve COVID-19 Nationwide Waivers through June 30, 2021. These waiver extensions are expected to facilitate streamlined access to nutritious meals and snacks, while minimizing potential exposure to COVID-19, for the duration of the school year. These extensions are made possible by Section 2202(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (the FFCRA). **This means Cottonwood School District will be providing free lunches to all families through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.**

For any students who still have money in their lunch accounts from the month of September, we can rollover the \$\$ for next school year. It will be kept safely in their lunch accounts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at the elementary school at (208) 962-3971.

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