



ST. ELIZABETH
REGIONAL SCHOOL

National School Lunch Program --- Unpaid Meal Charge Policy

October 27, 2017

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that St. Elizabeth Regional School has an Unpaid Meal Charge Policy as directed by the National School Lunch Program. Please read the policy below so that you are familiar with its content as it pertains to our school lunch program. Our Unpaid Meal Charge Policy can also be found on sercc.org, our school website.

Policy

The Diocese of Allentown prohibits any form of lunch shaming for unpaid meal charges by employees, volunteers or students. Lunch shaming is defined as “discriminating against or stigmatizing children whose family account has outstanding credit or insufficient funds to pay for meals.” School employees will exercise sensitivity and confidentiality in serving students with insufficient or negative meal accounts. No school employee will subject a student to embarrassment or ridicule based on the balance in his or her meal account. If a student’s meal account is inadequate to pay for a meal, the school will provide a full meal to the student and parents will be notified. No school employee may deny a meal benefit to any child as a disciplinary action. Schools will contact parents and guardians prior to the end of the school year to make arrangements to fully or partially pay, or waive, outstanding meal charges.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Linda M. Schiller