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Dear Parents,

During the 2021-2022 school year, students will receive a free breakfast and lunch meal under the "Community Eligibility Provision" (CEP). A la carte menu items will also be available at a nominal price. The Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Department encourages students to take advantage of the free and low-cost nutritious meals and a la carte items.

The FNS Department is fully committed to the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) mission to feed the hungry and promote healthy lifestyles. The FNS Department accomplishes this by ensuring nutritionally adequate food is offered on the menu, encouraging children and adults to understand the relationship between proper eating and good health, and providing learning experiences designed to result in healthier lifestyle choices.

The FNS Department plans district menus that meet nutrient standards set forth by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010 by offering a variety of well-balanced foods. Menu selections are designed to increase the consumption of grains, fruits, vegetables, and other food sources rich in essential vitamins and minerals.

FNS shall continue to build upon the standard of quality that the community has come to expect. FNS believes that healthy eating will lead to a brighter future. Menus are available, by request, at the school cafeterias, and may be found on our website:

<http://brownsvilleidschoolnutrition.com/>

Please download our free app to obtain nutrition information on all foods offered. Parents may contact the FNS Department regarding any concerns or questions on the program at 956-548-8450.

Sincerely,

Jackie Cruz, MS, RD, LD, FNS Director

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