



# Stafford Public Schools

## Food Services

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*Director of Food Services*

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The district is pleased to inform you that Pursuant to Public Act No. 23-204 (Connecticut State Budget), \$16 million of federal American Rescue Plan Act (2021) funds has been allocated for "Free Meals for Students" to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) for the 2023-2024 school year. The funds are referred to as State Transition Assistance for Breakfast and Lunch Expenses (STABLE).

STABLE funds will support households by allowing all students at **Stafford Middle School** and **Stafford High School** the following:

- A Breakfast meal at no cost, regardless of their free/reduced lunch status
- A lunch meal at no cost for students eligible for reduced-price meals. Stafford has always assumed the balance of the cost for reduced-price meals, so these funds will help offset that cost for the Food Services Department.
- Note: Those students **NOT** eligible for reduced-priced meals will receive a free breakfast through the CSDE STABLE funding. However, they will still be charged the full lunch price of \$3.05 at Stafford Middle School, and \$3.20 at Stafford High School.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact us at Stafford Schools, Food Service Department (860) 684-3336

Sincerely,

Beth LaPane,  
Director of Food Services