



January 23, 2023

To: Dr. Josh Swanson, Superintendent  
From: Jason Mutzenberger, Executive Director of Business Services  
Re: District Policy 534 – School Meal Policy

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We are recommending a change to the School Meal Policy to align it with current practice. The district policy includes language to allow an alternate meal to be provided to students that cannot pay cash for a meal. The current practice has been to provide a full regular school lunch to students that have not had cash to pay for the meal.

A recent Minnesota Attorney General opinion stated that schools cannot offer a substandard alternative meal in place of a regular lunch. While that has not been our practice, district policy has reflected an alternate meal as an option. We are recommending that language be stricken from the current policy.