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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The School Board has established a Meal Charge Policy for the Watervliet School District's Lunch Program. We have always allowed children to charge meals, and have never denied a child a lunch. However, in the past year, the charges that have not been repaid have amounted to hundreds of dollars in lost revenues to the cafeteria. We realize that some families that do not qualify for Free or Reduced Price Lunches may at times have to charge, and we are more than willing to make arrangements with them for payment. Our problem is the parents of children who charge frequently are ignoring our letters and phone calls to discuss the problem.

According to New York State law we only have to allow a child to charge three times, and then we can refuse to serve them a meal. **Instead of denying a child a lunch, our new policy is that after the three charges have occurred, with no note or phone call from the parent/guardian, the cafeteria will serve these students peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and milk, which constitutes a complete lunch.**

We regret that after thirty years we have to initiate this policy, but these unpaid charges are causing a financial burden on the school lunch account.

If you have any questions please call me at 629-3261.

Sincerely,

Darryl G. Whited