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Dear GWA Parents,

Beginning Monday, November 2, George Washington Academy will begin offering free lunch to all students at our school. The USDA recently announced that they have extended their funding for these meals through the 2020-2021 school year. Accordingly, these lunches will now be free to our students. Some things to remember:

- Lunches will only be received at school.
- Free lunch is only available for George Washington Academy students.
- Free lunch waiver does not apply to a-la-carte items (i.e. milk only or extra slice of pizza purchases).
- Parents and unenrolled siblings will not be allowed to come into the school building.
- Families will still be responsible for charges incurred prior to November 2nd and any a-la-carte items that the student purchases.
- Please continue to fill out applications for free and reduced meals, as this affects our Title 1 and other financial opportunities for our school. Also for next school year, students receive 30 days of this year's application eligibility.

We are glad to be able to pass on this opportunity to our students and their families. Please contact Julie Mertlich at [jmertlich@gwacademy.org](mailto:jmertlich@gwacademy.org) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you for your support.

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