



# Bradford Exempted Village School

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Dear Bradford Parent

Earlier this year you received a letter from the district entitled "Direct Certification Notice". The letter was automatically produced from our vendor, Payschools, based on the information created within the system. In a review of the aforementioned letters, it was recognized by our staff that there were inconsistencies in the data. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the vendor had an improper upload of the data from the Ohio District Data Exchange creating a letter noting that you were to receive free lunches (free status) and a waiver of fees. The vendor has since corrected this problem.

As of October 3 of 2023, the State of Ohio deemed that schools would no longer collect money from children who qualify for reduced meals. Ohio is partially paying the districts for those meals in order to slowly transition back to the pre-Covid calculations. Currently, this benefit will be eliminated after this school year and lunches will return to a partial payment.

The waiving of fees for reduced lunches does not result in elimination of current fees. Therefore, your fees will stay on the books of record **unless you can supply a completed application resulting in a free status.**

If you have questions regarding this situation, please feel free to contact the Nutrition Director, Cheryl Clark, or the Central Office of the school at the numbers as listed.

Respectfully yours,

Carla G. Surber, CPA

Treasurer

Under every train lies a track and under every Railroader lies the path to success.