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Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to announce that effective for the 2013-2014 school year, all K to 5 Elementary Schools will participate in the Breakfast in the Classroom Program. Elementary students will have breakfast in the classroom after the start of the school day. Students will eat breakfast during the morning routine, which consists of taking attendance, collecting homework, and completing the beginning of the class review activity. Please be assured that this program will not interfere with students receiving the classroom instruction necessary to improve academic achievement.

It is our hope that the Breakfast in the Classroom Program will dramatically increase the percentage of students who eat breakfast. Currently, our district serves 28% of the students who are eligible to eat breakfast. I would love to see this number triple as a result of the Breakfast in the Classroom Program.

Research consistently shows that hungry children do not effectively learn. In addition, research has proven that students who participate in the School Breakfast Program perform better academically and have better school attendance. Moreover, their overall dietary intake is greater than that of non-participating students.

The Breakfast in the Classroom Program is a great way to enhance children's health and improve their overall academic achievement. Elementary students can report to school at 7:30 am to participate in supervised activities; however, breakfast will not be served until school begins at 8:25 am.

Our middle schools and high school will continue to observe an early morning breakfast schedule until further notice. Breakfast will be available at the high school between 7:45 am and 8:10 am and at the middle schools between 7:45 am and 8:20 am.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Thank you.

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