

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING
FREE/REDUCED LUNCH AND FREE MILK
APPLICATIONS AND WAIVER OF FEES

Applications for free/reduced lunches, free milk and waiver of fees will be available *after* August 3, 2009. You may pick up applications after August 3rd at the District Office located at Central School, 117 West Livingston Street, Pontiac, IL or at any school office after August 3rd. Please keep in mind the following:

- *Pontiac Grade School District #429 and Pontiac High School District #90 are two separate districts and applications will need to be completed for each district. Any District #429 student attending another school will need to fill out an application at the school they will be attending.*
- **You MUST complete a new application for each school year** – one form per household. Even if you were approved for benefits for the 2008-09 school year, that does not mean you automatically qualify for the 2009-10 school year. Also, even if you checked the box on the fee slip that you would be applying for benefits, you must still complete the application form.
- If you receive a letter (eligibility certificate) from the State of Illinois, you must bring that to the District Office or your school office. The child who is listed on the certificate/letter will automatically qualify for free lunches and a waiver of book fees. Therefore, you do not need to fill out a blue application form. We cannot accept copies of this letter. We cannot add siblings names to this letter.
- **Payment of “educational fees” is required of all students. Payment of “book fees” is waived only for those students who qualify for free lunch or free milk. Students qualifying for reduced lunches are required to pay all fees. If you are unable to pay fees prior to the start of school, please call your school office to make arrangements for payment.**
- It is extremely important that if you wish to apply for free or reduced lunches (K-8) or free milk (PreK and ECE) you do so BEFORE the start of school.
- Students will **not** be allowed to carry a negative balance on their lunch account.

If you have any questions regarding the free/reduced lunch program, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Leann Flowers, Determining Official, at (815) 842-1533.