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Dear Parents,

Happy Summer! We hope this letter finds you well and staying cool in this summer heat. As you may or may not know, since 2015, some of the Catholic schools in our Archdiocese have utilized the National School Lunch Program as their lunch service. Although there were issues with food quality and service in the past, we stayed with the program during the 2021-2022 school year because the government offered breakfast and lunch at no cost to our school families. The government has discontinued the "free for all students" program for the 2022-2023 school year. This change led us to the decision to end our participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and explore the best option for schools that have been served by the Program.

Our goal was to find a provider that would serve better quality food for our students. After exploring various companies, we have decided that we will utilize Sami's Kitchen for lunch service to our schools previously utilizing the NSLP. Families that qualify for the NSLP will continue to receive a similar benefit, though not through the government's program. In the alternative, the Catholic Schools Office will allocate monies directly to the schools to supplement the cost of lunch for those students that qualified for Free and Reduced lunch services. The Catholic Schools Office will utilize individual family information in FACTS that determines a family's tuition assistance to identify qualified students.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Archdiocese will be supplementing the cost of lunch for those students that qualify for the Free and Reduced program. For schools that offered breakfast and after school snacks last year and will continue to do the same this year, the Archdiocese will provide support for those expenses at those schools.

Your principal will be communicating additional specifics about the food program for your school campus, as how to participate in the program will vary a bit by campus. Thank you for knowing that we want the best for your children. We appreciate your patience during the transition. Our schools will continue to do their very best to ensure that your children are given the best possible food service!

In Him we trust,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Haney".

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