



HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Hamilton County Students:

I have received several questions concerning our decision on holiday lunches. We will no longer be able to serve guests for the holiday luncheons due to new federal guidelines as well as staffing limitations. We currently serve breakfast to about 12,000 students each day and lunch to over 27,000 students. This stretches our staff to its limits without the additional 150-400 guests that some schools have been serving at holiday luncheons. We are also facing a mandatory federal audit between now and Christmas that has financial implications. We do not know when this audit will occur, and our dietician has to plan all menus carefully between now and then to ensure compliance.

While this was a difficult decision, it is necessary for us as we continue to serve our students quality meals that meet the new federal guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee McDade".

Lee McDade, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent, Campus Support

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