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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Free and reduced price meals are available for families who qualify. All families are encouraged to complete an application. The information on the application is confidential and only used for determining meal benefits.

Students who participate in school meal programs exhibit:

- Greater alertness and attentiveness to classroom activities and tasks
- Fewer health issues
- Fewer behavioral problems
- Decreased rates of absence and tardiness
- Higher math, reading and standardized test scores than hungry children

These benefits improve the learning environment for *all students*. Each child who is enrolled in free or reduced meals also leverages state "compensatory aid" funding, bringing additional dollars and resources directly into the classrooms and benefiting all of our students. Browns Valley School receives nearly \$2,288.00 on average in compensatory aid from the state for each student enrolled in free and reduced-price meal program.

The more children that qualify, the more compensatory aid our school receives. Last year Browns Valley School received **\$254,000.00** of additional funding. This is no extra cost to the local tax payer. With reduce funding from the state, compensatory aid is needed to offset revenue loss. Please stop in and complete an application.

Thank you,

Brenda Reed, Superintendent