

## **Free and reduced lunches benefit our school**

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**By Randy Geier**

### **Wauneta-Palisade Schools Superintendent**

I am pleading with parents to fill out Free and Reduced Lunch forms. If you qualify and do not fill out an application you are hurting our school. The purpose of this article is to explain the ways in which the school benefits from an increased number of students on free and reduced lunches.

Almost all of the grants and aid available from federal and state sources are based partially on the income level of the districts' patrons. The primary source used to determine income is the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches.

Besides state aid, some of the grants available to the school that are determined to some extent by the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches are: Title I, School to Work and Tech Prep programs, Carl Perkins Technology Grants, Safe and Drug Free School Grants, and Title VI Innovative Project Grants.

The amount of money available to the school is partially based on the free and reduced lunch counts.

As you can see, in addition to the financial benefit for parents that qualify for the program, there are numerous advantages for the school.

All information submitted to the school is confidential and names of individuals who are eligible are not revealed.

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For the purpose of using information for state aid or grants, only the number of students who qualify are provided, not the names. If you have not already done so, please look over the lunch information sheets and apply for free and reduced lunches if you think you may be eligible.

If you have any questions in regard to the program please contact Superintendent Geier at 308-394-5700.