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PLANO ISD TO CONTINUE OFFERING FREE SCHOOL MEALS DURING THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

PLANO, TX, August 2, 2021 – All Plano ISD schools will continue to provide free meals to all students throughout the 2021-22 school year, regardless of family income level.

Typically, a student's household must meet income eligibility requirements to qualify for free or reduced-price meals; however, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued guidance that allows schools to offer meals to all students at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year. A copy of the USDA policy may be reviewed upon request.

While no application or eligibility determination process is required for students to receive free meals this school year, the income eligibility requirement will likely resume for the 2022-2023 school year.

Since the district is still required to collect and report socioeconomic information to the Texas Education Agency for the purposes of annual state accountability ratings, as well as federal reporting and funding, Plano ISD is collecting an alternative Socioeconomic Information Form from all families via Parent Portal for the 2021-22 school year.

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About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) (www.pisd.edu) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 7,000 staff members who serve

more than 50,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.

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