

Dear Foresthill Families,

We need your help in making sure we can continue to offer after school enrichment classes and before/after school programs at Foresthill DIvide School free of charge. I am reaching out to you this afternoon to ask you to complete this <u>online form</u> or our <u>fillable form</u> by this Tuesday, October 3, at noon. It is called the Titan Meal Application, a name based upon a program that ended years ago, but the data it provides qualifies our district for several sources of significant funding. Do not underestimate the importance of this form or the impact of your choice to complete it! Each year, we ask families to partner with us on this, and based on the response rate, our school district receives funding that pays for intervention teachers, free Kids Club before and after school care, school facilities improvements, supplemental instructional materials, special events, a portion of staff salaries, special education services, kitchen/cafeteria upgrades, and transportation (the list goes on and on). We appreciate those of you who have already submitted your forms.

Based on our families' response rate last school year, our district will receive about half a million dollars from the related state and federal programs this year. Next year, the funding opportunities are even greater, but only if our response rate represents over 40% of our families. Unfortunately, our families' response rate this year is below this threshold, which means that our district may be facing significant revenue reductions, which may force us to return to charging for Kids Club before/after school care if we cannot convince families to **respond by this Tuesday**, **October 3**, **at noon**. Please take a few minutes to complete this <u>online form</u> or our <u>fillable form</u> today. Even though the form asks you to include your child's student ID number, you can leave that spot blank and still complete/submit the form. Aside from the unidentified group data, individual family responses are treated as highly confidential and accessed by only one of our district staff members.

If you have questions, I am eager to find answers for you. Because the <u>form</u> is no longer an application for free meals, it doesn't matter if you think you will not qualify or if your child(ren) don't eat hot lunch, I ask you to complete the form anyway...remember that its name really has nothing to do with its purpose of determining program eligibility and significant funding levels for our district.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our small but mighty district program well-funded and able to bring amazing opportunities and supports to our children and community.

Breathe ~ Smile

Camille Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent