

WGS Families:

If your family is or will be impacted by the partial closure of the federal government there are a few ways our school may be able to help.

1. A free breakfast is available for every student every school day. There is no application process; students simply need to go through the serving line.
2. You can apply for the **National School Lunch Program** as per the message below from the Oregon Department of Education. Applications are available in the school office.

***National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program Eligibility for Furloughed Federal Employees***

*Households affected by the partial closure of the federal government may apply for National School Lunch and School Breakfast meal benefits. The [income guidelines](#) for free and reduced price school meals are based on annual income. Households may apply with the income received in the current month, projected for the month in which the application is completed or for the month prior to application.*

*Families who are approved for free or reduced price meals based on their reduced income during a furlough period are able to terminate their free/reduced price status should the economic hardship due to the furlough be remedied by a return to work and/or restoration of pay for the furlough period.*

3. If your children incur other needs because of financial strain due to the government shutdown (or any other reason) do not hesitate to contact me or our school counselor, Mary Suever, to discuss ways our school may be able to help.

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