

# **BVSD Nutrition Services**

## **Negative Balance Procedures**

One of the nutrition goals identified in the district's Wellness Policy (Board Policy ADF) is that no child shall be hungry while in school. However, the financial stability of the program is jeopardized when meals are not paid for by account holders in a timely manner.

Nutrition Services therefore has adopted the following procedures related to meal loans resulting in negative account balances:

- Account holders with negative account balances will be notified by school or district staff of the amount due.
- The account holder will be asked to pay or make arrangements to pay the balance within 14 days.
- Negative account balances that continue beyond 30 days without payment arrangements established may be subject to referral to a collection agency.

All collection costs incurred by the district will be the responsibility of the account holder.

School and Nutrition Services staff are aware that financial constraints may exist that make it difficult for families to pay for school meals. We strongly encourage families (account holders) under these constraints to confidentially apply for free or reduced price meals through the Federal School Lunch program. Applications are available at each school or the Nutrition Services office at 6500 Arapahoe Road, Boulder, Colorado.