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Dear Valued Parent(s),

We thank you for choosing the Nicholas Markets/Fresh Grocer School Lunch Program, to provide your child with a nutritious and well-balanced lunch. Additionally, we thank you for putting your trust into our lunch program and dedicated staff, during such an uncertain and everchanging period in time. We realize this has been a challenging year for businesses and families near and far, and we will continue to go above and beyond to ensure the safety and satisfaction of our valued families and schools.

The aftermath of the COVID 19 pandemic has necessitated changes across many aspects of our business, which we continue to combat daily. Much like many other food service, catering and restaurant providers, we have been forced to initiate changes, make adjustments and reformat how we offer and operate our business, both internally and externally.

In order for Nicholas Markets to continue to prepare and serve nutritious lunches to our valued students and teachers, the school lunch program will incur a \$1.00 service fee per lunch day, per family.

This was a necessary change made to the program in order to defray the ever-increasing post COVID expenses that we face daily, which include but are not limited to: increased food and packaging supply costs, increased liability insurance rates, and increased minimum wage/staff expenses. Similar service fees can be seen through other food preparation and delivery services such as Grub Hub, Uber and Door Dash.

Our entire school lunch team, most specifically, the dedicated team of individuals we provide your school each day to serve our lunches to your children, are committed to providing the safest and most nutritious meals possible, which comes with a small price.

We truly appreciate your understanding and continued patronage.

Warmest Regards,

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