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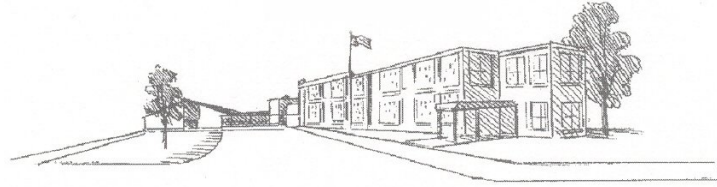Ronald Smith

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February 1, 2019

To All Parents / Guardians:

Starting on Monday, February 4th, our cafeteria program will be implementing a new program entitled the "Share Table." This program encourages students to place unopened food and drinks that are purchased from the cafeteria, which they choose not to eat or drink, on the designated "Share Table". Then, other students who may wish to have additional servings can remove the item(s) from the table at no additional cost.

As a participant in the National School Lunch Program, the cafeteria is required to provide student lunches that incorporate five food groups. However, oftentimes this requires students to take an item(s) that he or she will not eat. The "Sharing Table" is program that is designed to help eliminate food waste, while providing an opportunity for a student who remains hungry after the meal to supplement their diet without an additional cost. This program has been implemented in a couple of neighboring school districts, to great success, and Mrs. Howe and the cafeteria staff are very excited to bring this program to Hartford.

On the reverse side of this letter is a copy of the "Share Table" rules that will be posted above the table.

If you have any questions regarding the "Share Table", I would encourage you to please contact Mrs. Howe, Cafeteria Manager, at 518-632-5222.

Sincerely,

Andrew Cook
Superintendent
Hartford Central School District

Share Table Rules

➢ **Leave UNOPENED and WRAPPED items you did not eat**
➢ **Be Respectful**
➢ **No Arguing**
➢ **No Hoarding**

Examples of Items to Share:

Cold Items	Fresh Items
Milk	Oranges
Juice	Bananas
Sealed Fruit Cups	Sealed snacks
Yogurt	Condiments
String Cheese	

Items the CANNOT be shared:

➢ Apples (they have an edible skin)
➢ Any cupped Fruit or Veggie that is NOT sealed