

Stock Market Game Winners



Three fifth grade Grimshaw students placed first in the Spring 2018 Stock Market Game. The competitors included various elementary teams throughout New York State. The team pictured placed 1st in the elementary division.

For the competition, teams were “given” \$100,000 dollars to invest within the stock market. Students had to decide which companies to invest in and how much to invest. Students researched different companies and discussed current events and their impact on those companies.

Rankings were determined by total portfolio value at the end of the competition. Congratulations to Carlee Clemens, Claire Zehner, and Ava Shute!

Changes to Every Student Succeeds Act Regulations

Last week, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) proposed changes to regulations to implement the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The proposed changes reflect stakeholder input and public feedback and were presented to the Board of Regents at its meeting on Monday, September 17. The public comment period on the proposed changes will begin October 3.

Fantastic Beginning for the Big Picture School



Big Picture has had a great start to the school year. The staff works hard every year to design our first few days as a perfect model of how we “do school.” We are intentional with our practices and our conversations in order to set the stage for the rest of the school year.

On the first day, the staff prepares a large breakfast for our students. We spend the first hour, eating and getting to know each other. We then take a group photo outside. Students spend the rest of the day as an Advisory group. They reconnected with each other, set goals, and connected with other advisors and staff. The activities were low risk and required group work and individual participation. These activities set the stage for our time and expectations for Advisory, as well as taking individual responsibility.

On our second day, students were assigned to mixed level groups to complete our first Design Challenge. The design challenge is set up so there is no one right way to complete the task with the main goal being teamwork.



In our debrief of the exercise, students shared that it was hard to start working in groups when they did not know each other well. Our second challenge of the day was to create the longest paper link chain using only 10 pieces of paper and tape. Students were in the same groups. This challenge went much smoother and faster. In the debrief, students concluded that because they had learned to work with their group members in the morning, they were better able to complete the task in the afternoon. PERFECT! This is exactly why we did this. We need to build relationships and work together to find success!

Message from the
SUPERINTENDENT



During the September 13, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, our capital project team presented a newly proposed project which will focus on improving the safety and security of our school campuses. A capital referendum will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 for consideration by the public. Voting will take place at the LaFayette Jr/Sr High School from 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM. This new capital project will provide the following improvements at all school buildings:

- Additional Security Cameras
- Campus Notification System
- Door Replacements
- Window Hardening
- Compartmentalization of Buildings Using Corridor Door Lock-Downs
- Masonry Repointing and Stair Replacement

The total cost of these enhancements comes to \$3.1 million dollars; however, this project is eligible for building aid through the New York State Education Department. We can make these enhancements to our campus at no additional cost to our local community.

LaFayette has been very progressive in making security improvements. The district recently contracted with Armoured One, a school security firm, to conduct a security audit of our school campuses. While the audit revealed that we have several things in place to protect guests on our campus, there is still more work to be done. This new capital project includes items from the audit needed to help improve the security of our schools.

The newly proposed Campus Notification System will improve communication for building announcements and during emergency events. The new notification system can be controlled remotely and can send out announcements through audio, text message, or email.

We have also requested the same improvements to be made at the Onondaga Nation School, which is a state-owned building. Improvements to the Onondaga Nation School are made through allocations in the New York State budget process and subject to approval by the New York State Education Department Office of Facilities Management. NYSED has prioritized approval for building enhancements at ONS related to improving the health and safety of the facility.

We will be keeping the public informed through our website, articles in the Green Sheet, and public presentations. We look forward to hearing your feedback on these improvements to our school facilities. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org, 315-677-9728 (office), or 315-529-9550 (cell).

*Jeremy Belfield,
Superintendent of Schools*



**Staff Spotlight:
BECKY MCKENNEY**

Becky McKenney is our new school counselor for students in grades 10-12 at LaFayette Jr/Sr High. Ms. McKenney has a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology from SUNY Cortland and a Master's Degree and Certificate of Advanced Study in School Counseling from SUNY Oswego.

In her role as school counselor, Ms. McKenney aspires to help students and wants to be "an unwavering support in an ever-changing world." Ms. McKenney shared, "I had great experiences with my school counselors and I want to be able to give back those same positive experiences to future generations. I genuinely enjoy working with students!"

Prior to her position at LaFayette, Ms. McKenney worked for one year at Cortland Jr/Sr High School and prior to that served as the Director of Guidance at Bishop Grimes Jr/Sr High School.

Ms. McKenney is looking forward to learning new counseling practices and keeping up on important trends in high school counseling. Most importantly, Ms. McKenney is looking forward to developing meaningful and trusting relationships with the students, staff, parents and community.

In her spare time, Ms. McKenney coaches soccer and basketball, enjoys spending time with friends and family, and commits to personal fitness through regular exercise. When Ms. McKenney gets the opportunity to travel, she enjoys spending time in the sunshine as much as possible. Ms. McKenney is an avid fan of Syracuse Basketball and the New York Yankees.

Message from the Commissioner

I am always excited and energized by the start of another school year. I hope this school year is off to a smooth start for you and your children.

Today, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) proposed changes to regulations to implement the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The proposed changes reflect stakeholder input and public feedback and will be presented to the Board of Regents at its meeting on Monday, September 17. If the Board acts on the proposed changes at its meeting on Monday, the public comment period on the proposed changes will begin October 3.

Paramount to any good public policy is engagement with stakeholders. Following a thoughtful and productive discussion and considering the comments received, I am confident these changes will benefit students across the state. ESSA fosters educational equity by providing support to districts and schools as they work to ensure that every student succeeds. When paired with the work we have already put in, these amendments will move us even closer to meeting that goal.

Teachers are the number one in-school factor for student success, and I have made lifting up the teaching profession a priority. To that end, NYSED awarded \$2 million annually in grants to 25 recipients to implement Mentor Teacher Internship Programs (MTIP). These programs enable experienced teachers in a district or BOCES to provide guidance and support to beginning teachers in their first or second year of teaching. The mentor and new teacher relationship will engage teachers in a productive experience designed to enhance educators' skills and increase the likelihood of their remaining in the teaching profession. Funding for this initiative was approved by the Governor and Legislature in the 2017-2018 State budget. NYSED will award the grants beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Teaching, more so than any other profession, determines our future--and we will not rest until we get it exactly right. This program helps prepare and support our teachers, who then take that strong foundation into the classroom, and are able to put their students on the road to success.

Student health and safety are also of the highest importance. If you have a child who relies on epinephrine, please reach out to your child's school to ensure they have all the information they need. Guidance was issued to health care, school health, and child day care providers outlining steps that families can take to ensure they have access to epinephrine products.

It's so important that there is open, effective communication about medical policies and protocols in our school communities. When every second counts, parents, students, administrators, and school health officials all need to know who is trained to administer epinephrine and where this life-saving medicine is stocked and stored. Please be sure you know the protocols at your child's school.

Finally, September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month, and NYSED and the Board of Regents will continue to underscore the importance of standing by our students and defending their rights. Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa and I recently released a statement rejecting any changes by the U.S. Department of Education on sexual misconduct on college and university campuses. This is the latest in a line of misguided and ill-conceived proposals by USDE.

New York has one of the strongest laws in the nation protecting students from sexual assault. The New York State Office of Campus Safety provides guidance to enhance the safety of college campuses. If you have a college student, I encourage you to become familiar with the guidance and resources.

I hope the new school year is off to a great start. Have a wonderful year.

Sincerely, MaryEllen Elia, Commissioner

LaFayette Central Schools Water Reporting

As required by County & State regulations, the water testing of District potable wells were conducted on August 8, 2018. Don Warnow, Safety Officer of OCM BOCES, Jim Kesler & Ron Cooper of LaFayette Schools collected the samples and they were delivered to Microbac labs for analysis.

Reports indicate that all water supplies are of a sanitary quality for all locations. However, C.Grant Grimshaw schools water supplies tested higher than 270 mg/l of sodium. Although there is not a set maximum level for sodium, it is recommended that people on moderately restricted sodium diets should be made aware.

Therefore, for those that may be on a moderately restricted sodium diet, it is recommended that caution be used when consuming water from the C.Grant Grimshaw school as well as the District offices.

◆ Junior/Senior High School News ◆

From the Desk of the
PRINCIPAL
Jason Ryan

We had an amazing start to the 2018-2019 school year. At this point, we have had all of our class meetings and selected our class officers for the upcoming school year. We had a very successful 9th grade orientation at Orenda Springs. Students learned about the importance of teamwork and collaboration by participating in a variety of challenges. In addition, we began our Liberty Partnership Program with a kickoff in the high school auditorium. The Liberty Partnership Program is an agreement

through Onondaga Community College that provides our students with additional academic support as well as a variety of college and career opportunities. During the kickoff, the instructors of the program talked about the upcoming afterschool support and provide each student with a hooded sweatshirt from Onondaga Community College. If you would like to know more about LPP, please contact me via email at jpryan@lafayetteschools.org

Academically, we are beginning to see a payoff from all of the hard work our teachers put in over the summer. A critical part of any child's success is open lines of communication between our parents/guardians and the school. We encourage you to continually monitor your child's academic success through the use of our parent portal. The parent portal gives you real-time access to your child's grades as well as other information. If you currently do not have access to the parent portal, please contact the counseling office at 315-677-7849 to get your account activated.

Health Office News

LaFayette is pleased to welcome Ashley Brown as the new school nurse at Grimshaw. Please stop in and say hello, if you have not already done so!

We have a few reminders to start off the new school year: all students in Pre-K, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grades, as well as all new students, will need to have a physical on file at the health office. If you have not done so already, please do so as soon as possible or notify me of the date your child's physical is scheduled for and send it in when done. Those students requesting working papers, or participating in a sport, will also have to have a physical on file.

A new school health examination form went into effect July 1st. The previous form will be accepted for this school year. However, starting next school year, only the new form will be accepted. Please check with your pediatrician to be sure they are ready to implement these changes.

All new students, including Pre-K and K, should have a copy of their immunizations on file at school before school starts. Also, all students in 6th grade who are 11 years old should have sent in documentation of receiving their Tdap vaccination. One dose of the meningococcal vaccine is required for students entering 7th grade, with a catch-up dose in 8th or 9th grade if the student didn't get it in 7th grade. Two doses of the meningococcal vaccine are required for 12th grade, unless the first dose was given after 16 years of age. Please get this information to us as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so. Please be aware that for those without insurance, the Onondaga County Health Department offers all vaccines needed for school entrance.

If your child needs any medication at school, please remember it needs to be renewed each school year. We do require the medicine to be in the original container with a prescription label or note from the doctor and ask that you bring the medicine to school. It is especially important to have any emergency meds your child may need, such as an epi-pen for a severe allergic reaction.

We would strongly suggest all children in grades Pre-K through 3rd have a spare set of clothes in their lockers/cubbies in case they need them.

Please notify us if your child is absent for any reason during the year so we can keep their attendance records correct. The only legal absences are for sickness, doctor appointments, road tests, impassable roads, religious observance, court appearance, college visit, or sickness or death in the family.

If your child is excused from gym class by a doctor they will need a doctor's note to return to gym.

If you have any questions on any of the above, or any other concerns, please don't hesitate to call us. We hope your child has a great school year!

Sincerely,
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◆ Onondaga Nation School News ◆

From the Desks of

**JOHN GIZZI &
SIMONE GONYEA**

September has moved at a very fast pace! We are excited to feel the weather change, to see the apples grow and the beginning of another new and exciting school year. The exterior of our building has new mulch which adds beautiful curb appeal to the school. In addition, cheerful flower planters have been added to welcome students and staff who are coming and going at the Nation School.

Special thanks to our maintenance staff for their outstanding work keeping the inside and outside of our building in tip-top shape.

The staff and students of the Onondaga Nation School welcome a new serving line in our cafeteria which replaces our previously worn serving bar. Our students and our cafeteria staff, Tom and Deanne, are very appreciative of the quick installation.

In addition to a new serving line, Mr. Gizzi and Ms. Gonyea have been treating the students who arrive on time to school to a specially cooked breakfast. We have served pancakes and eggs, ham and toast. Thanks to Rob Kennedy for obtaining the breakfast items cooked on our special morning breakfast and thank you to Tom and Deanne for their patience in sharing their work space with administration. Look for more exciting breakfast servers and cooks as we progress through the year. You never know when a special guest will be cooking breakfast.... You don't want to miss out!

ONS Open House occurred Tuesday, September 18th. The evening began at 5:30pm with a pot-luck dinner which included delicious donated dishes from the community and a sandwich platter and pizza from Firekeepers. As families finished dinner they had an opportunity to speak with their child's classroom teachers as well as several individuals in the cultural center who shared information from various organizations.

Mr. Virgil Braverock, who organized the share tables and the pot-luck dinner, shared his words of thanks to the Onondaga Nation Staff with the following message "Ga hwa ji: yä' ge hañ' eñ yön de: hga' to all Teachers, Administration, Custodial & Kitchen staff: Open House 2018 was a success, but it would have not been without all of your input. I would like to give acknowledgment to the custodial staff for the set up and helping with the preparations.

Thanks to those staff and teachers that brought food items and helped in serving. There was no food left over, a good indicator of the crowd and we fed them well. It seemed there was a steady stream of families coming in the front doors. The drawing for the door prize was postponed until Friday at closing. Nia•wéñha once again to everyone."

The evening concluded at 8pm with several families mingling afterward. It was a wonderful community event.



Upcoming events at the Onondaga Nation School:

October 5th: No School due to Superintendent's Conference Day

October 13th: College Fair 10am - 2pm

October 24th: Gahwa ji ya gehan En yonde hga "Gathering of Families" Dinner beginning at 5pm

◆ Grimshaw School News ◆

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *from the desk of Mrs. Blosssey*

Grimshaw is dedicating an entire month to safety this October. The safety of our students is our first priority, so we will be taking some time to introduce the students to several different professionals helping in our community, running safety drills within our building, and reminding students of general safety practices. The month will have three spec-

tacular events where students will have the chance to learn from and interact with helping professionals.

Students will have the opportunity to learn what Police Officers and their K-9 companions do for our community and how important they are to keeping us all safe. We will also have a group of therapy dogs coming into Pre-K through 4th grade to introduce them to what they do and how they help out in our community.

Finally, the month will wrap up with our annual fire prevention day, teaching students the importance of fire safety, the great work that Firefighters do, and their contributions to keeping our community safe. We are looking forward to introducing students to the great First Responders and helping professionals within our community.

Along with these presentations a few important dates to remember:

October 1st - GAPS Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

October 5th - No School for Students/Staff Development Day

October 15th/16th - Grimshaw Picture Days, information will be forthcoming

October 31st - Halloween starting at the Cafeteria Doors at 1:15 p.m.

Community News ◆ Community News ◆ Community News

LaFayette Community Council

Youth Programs

Soccer: The Fall season is under way and runs through October.

Basketball: Grades 5 & 6, boys and girls. Practices will begin Saturdays in November; games will begin in January. A flyer with specific information and registration form will be sent home from school.

The second grade instructional and Grades 3 & 4 basketball programs will begin in February 2019.

Wrestling: For girls and boys in grades K-6. Practices will begin in November. A flyer with specific information and registration form will be sent home from school.

Volleyball: For girls in grades 3-6. Program will begin after January 1, 2019; dates and times are TBA.

If you are interested and able to help out with the basketball, volleyball or wrestling programs – AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP - please contact LCC at 677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

Adult Programs

Tai Chi: Beginner and advanced classes are offered. For additional information, contact instructor Lynn Perrine at 315-677-8114.

Men's Basketball: Mondays, 7-9 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium. September 2018 through May 2019. \$20 fee.

Trunk-Or-Treat: LCC will be participating in Trunk-or-Treat at the Columbia Presbyterian Church on Halloween, October 31.

Daytime/Senior Exercise Class: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the LaFayette Community Center. Sessions run for 6 weeks. The cost for an entire session is \$36, and cannot be pro-rated. Walk in fee is \$5/per class. The current session ends October 18. The subsequent session will run October 23 through November 29, and will be followed by a mini-session, December 4 – 20.

Yoga: Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Pre-K Classroom at Grimshaw Elementary School. The Fall Session begins September 10 and will run through December 19. Cost for attending class one night per week is \$40*; cost for attending two nights per week is \$80* (approximately \$3 per class). *Fees cannot be pro-rated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

WERQ®: - WERQ® is a dance fitness class that tightens and tones the entire body through athletic moves and dance steps. Participants follow the instructor through non-stop choreographed routines.

Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School cafeteria. The Fall Session begins September 10 and will run through December 19. Cost for attending class one night per week is \$40*; cost for attending two nights per week is \$80* (approximately \$3 per class). *Fees cannot be pro-rated. The walk-in fee is \$5 per class.

◆ ATHLETIC NEWS ◆

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Open to the Public

The induction ceremony will be held this year on Saturday, November 3, beginning at 2pm. It is held at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School: 3122 Route 11, Lafayette NY 13084. The dress code is casual business attire.

The cost is \$40 per adult, and \$15 for children 12 and under. Children 4 and under are free.

Please contact Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz as soon as possible for a reservation form (forms are due October 13) by emailing Ljkurtz@verizon.net or call 315-415-7932.

2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

*Deceased

1967 BOYS LACROSSE TEAM

Mark Werder, Steve Wood, John Porter, Tom Scofield, Richard Kreis, Alfie Jacques, Travis Cook, Vernon Jones, David Cook*, Phil Liddiard, Mike Scofield, John Engelken, Jeff Booher, Bob Storrier, Ron Doctor, Ron Hill, Bob Shaw, Dave Baldwin*, James Shaw*, David Miller, Ralph Hodson, Dan Cummings, Woodrow Johnson, Charlie Wood, Alson Gibson, Doug Baldwin, Robert Harris*, Steve Porter, Coach Gordie Ohstrom*, Coach Bill Applegate

1994 TENNIS DOUBLES - MEN'S

Kevin Conners, Matthew Shute

CROSS COUNTRY

Andrew Jugan '93, Carrie Allen Thomas '97

LACROSSE

Ron Hill '67, Travis Solomon* '78, Joshua Amidon '07, Zachary Guy '08, John Greeley III '09, Miles Thompson '10, Lyle Thompson '11

VOLLEYBALL

Karen Reynolds '78, Lonnie Wallace '87, Tami LaClair '84

WRESTLING

Jeff Vahey '86, Allen Jones '93, Patrick Grevelding '96

COACHES

Doreen Doctor, Soccer/Volleyball, Jerry Vredenburg, Basketball/Lacrosse

CONTRIBUTOR

Jody Lewis, Robert Graney*, Lisa Shenandoah-Kurtz

BASEBALL

Bill McConnell '73

SOCCER

Jennifer Wallace '84

BASKETBALL

Mike Merriman '73

SOFTBALL

Kate Jugan '95

Booster Club Craft Fair

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018

Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Location: Grimshaw Elementary School - 5977 Route 20, LaFayette

Proceeds: LaFayette Athletic Booster Club

Questions: lafayettecraftshow@gmail.com

Crafter/Vendors to include LaFayette Apparel and many local handmade craft items. Come and check it out.

Athlete of the Week

Congratulations to Charlotte Ryan, pictured at right, who was selected as CNY Central Athlete of the Week. Great job, Charlotte.



Volunteer for the Booster Club

The LaFayette Athletic Booster Club is looking for Parents and Athletes to volunteer a few hours at the LaFayette Apple Festival to be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7.

Please call 315-415-7932 or email LaFayetteABC1@gmail.com

Bottle Trailer

The Returnable bottle trailer drop off has been moved from the Dollar General Parking lot to 2447 Route 11S (The Old Highway Garage Location) - Thank you for continuing to support, the LaFayette Lacrosse, The Athletic Booster Club, The LaFayette Boy Scouts, and The After Prom Party.

Wreath Sale

The Booster Club will once again hold a holiday wreath sale. Wreaths will be on sale until November 13 for \$25.

They will be available for pick-up on either November 30, from 5-7pm, or December 1, 10am-1pm.

Please contact a member if you have any questions: Heather Castleman at 315-420-4886.

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. LaFayette CSD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.25**; lunch costs **PK-6 \$2.55, 7-12 \$2.65**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$0.25** for breakfast and **\$0.25** for lunch.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to your students school.
2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail your student's building Principal to see if they qualify.
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at **(315)677-9510** if you have questions.
7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Tiffany Turner, tturner@lafayetteschools.org, (315)677-9728**
12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

2018-2019 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 22,459	\$ 1,872	\$ 936	\$ 864	\$ 432
2	\$ 30,451	\$ 2,538	\$ 1,269	\$ 1,172	\$ 586
3	\$ 38,443	\$ 3,204	\$ 1,602	\$ 1,479	\$ 740
4	\$ 46,435	\$ 3,870	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,786	\$ 893
5	\$ 54,427	\$ 4,536	\$ 2,268	\$ 2,094	\$ 1,047
6	\$ 62,419	\$ 5,202	\$ 2,601	\$ 2,401	\$ 1,201
7	\$ 70,411	\$ 5,868	\$ 2,934	\$ 2,709	\$ 1,355
8	\$ 78,403	\$ 6,534	\$ 3,267	\$ 3,016	\$ 1,508
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 7,992	\$ 666	\$ 333	\$ 308	\$ 154

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time. The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely, Robert Kennedy-Food Service Director

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. **Nondiscrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Food Service.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: (315)677-9510. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

Date Withdrew _____

Attachment Va F ___ R ___ D ___

2018-2019 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call (315)677-9510 if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: **LaFayette CSD Food Service**
5957 US RT 20
LaFayette, NY 13084

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- _ _ _ _

I do not have a SS#

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island White

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
 Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster

Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____

Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

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Jeremy Belfield, Title IX Compliance Officer, LaFayette Central School, 5955 Route 20, West, LaFayette, New York 13084

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October IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 4 | Jr/Sr High School Picture Day -
Early Release Day |
| 5 | No School - Superintendent Conference Day |
| 8 | No School - (HS,BP,GS) |
| 11 | BOE Meeting |
| 13 | HS Homecoming Dance, 7pm |
| 15 | GS Picture Day |
| 16 | GS Picture Day |
| 19 | Jr High Dance, 7pm |
| 23 | ONS Picture Day |
| 23 | BOE Meeting |
| 31 | GS Halloween Parade 1:15pm |

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