

## **FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES**

The school systems will participate in the National School Lunch Program and other food programs that may become available to assure that all children in the schools receive proper nourishment.

In accordance with guidelines for participation in these programs, and in accordance with the wishes of the Committees, no child who a teacher believes is improperly nourished will be denied a free lunch or other food simply because proper application has not been received from his/her parents or guardians.

As required by state and federal regulations, the School Committees will approve a policy statement pertaining to eligibility for free milk, free meals, and reduced price meals.

LEGAL REFS.:       National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 USC 1751-1760)  
                          Child Nutrition Act of 1966, P.L. 89-642, 80 Stat. 885, as amended  
                          M.G.L. 15:1G; 15:1L; 69:1C; 71:72