

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES
Township of Union Public Schools
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TO: Pat Ditri

FROM: Kim Conti 

RE: Board Agenda

DATE: 5/22/2012

The committee recommends and I so move that the board approve the attached resolution authorizing the cost of meals to be included in the annual tuition rate for our district student who attends Coastal Learning Center, Inc. which is in compliance with the NJ Department of Agriculture's Child Nutrition Program regulations.



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May 1, 2012

Board of Education:

Over the years Coastal Learning Center has served state approved breakfast and lunch daily to all students on the Howell Campus. Meals are served at **no cost** to our student's families; this is the policy of Coastal Learning Center, Inc. It is our belief that our students are more focused on education when they are served nutritious meals. Some families cannot afford the cost or are not able to provide the nourishing foods children need and many of our attending students are not living with their natural families.

The state of New Jersey has revised code: **6-A 23-4.5 (A20)** and is requiring State Approved Private Schools designed for students with disabilities to charge for reduced and paid meals.

Coastal Learning Center, Inc. can continue to provide meals for our students at **no cost** to the student's families if we obtain school board resolutions from our sending school districts. Please help us to continue focusing on our student's needs and not on their daily meal payments.

Thank you for supporting our policy; we would greatly appreciate it if you would submit a resolution at your next school board meeting stating the following:

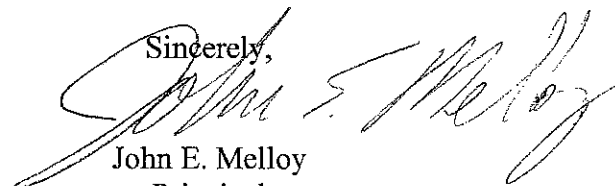
For the 2012 – 2013 School Year

- Coastal Learning Center, Inc. does not have to charge the families for the meals provided
- Coastal Learning Center, Inc. does not have to apply for reimbursement from the Child Nutrition Program.

***Please fax a copy of the resolution to my office at (732) 364-5905.**

If you should have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



John E. Melloy
Principal