

Statement from Brian Stone, president Fresh Picks Café, a division of Café Services.

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We have spoken about our respect for the privacy and confidentiality of our employees and this has not changed. However, at this time we feel it essential to share more information.

We care deeply about the positive reputation of this company and the good work we do in our communities.

In this situation the student was not charged for any part of the meal, the main lunch or four additional items.

The employee told the manager that she charged the student's account for the lunch, but the manager later confirmed there were no charges on the account, so what the employee said was not true.

Every student in the lunch line gets a lunch, so there was no reason for her to not charge the account.

Despite the fact that the student goes through the line frequently according to the employee, this student hadn't been charged for anything for the previous 3 months.

Now that there is a change in staff, this student's account shows regular activity.

This employee was dishonest and was let go for not following procedures.

At Mascoma Valley the policy is no student is refused a lunch.

Now we'd like to get back to the business of feeding kids because that's what we love to do, and we thank you.