



5P'S NOTEBOOK

P3: Plan for Financial Stability

*Ensure your nutrition program is built to protect
revenue, reduce unpaid meal debt, and make every dollar
stretch further.*

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Why It Matters

Unpaid meal debt doesn't just show up on the balance sheet—it creates time-consuming administrative work, threatens your program's solvency, and pulls focus from serving students. Without a plan, these costs pile up fast. Financial stability starts with early action: engaging families, automating eligibility, and keeping funds flowing with digital tools that work in real time.



Best Practices to Plan for Financial Stability

- ✓ **Enable Auto Pay and Reminders:** Help families stay current by offering recurring payments and low-balance alerts.
- ✓ **Import Direct Certifications Early:** Reduce paperwork and qualify students for free meals automatically.
- ✓ **Send Payment Status Updates:** Proactively notify families of account changes to prevent debt from building.
- ✓ **Streamline Reimbursement Readiness:** Ensure student eligibility and service records are accurate to maximize reimbursements.

How the LINQ School Nutrition Suite Helps



Enable Auto Pay and Reminders

With LINQ Connect, families can set up Auto Pay and receive low-balance alerts before accounts hit zero. Real-time syncing ensures funds are instantly available at the point of service, reducing the risk of unpaid meals and eliminating last-minute scrambles.



Import Direct Certifications Early

LINQ's direct certification import tools help you identify eligible students as early as possible and automatically extend benefits to all qualified household members—even those not listed in the DC file. That means less paperwork and more accurate eligibility from day one.



Send Payment Status Updates

LINQ Connect supports text and email notifications to alert families when balances are low or payments are processed. These reminders are customizable and keep families engaged before debt becomes a problem.



Streamline Reimbursement Readiness

By connecting eligibility, applications, and point-of-service systems, LINQ ensures your data is clean, synced, and audit-ready. When records are accurate and automated, reimbursement claims are easier to manage—and more likely to be approved.

Start the year with confidence. With LINQ, financial stability is part of the plan.

Because when you reduce debt and protect revenue, your program stays focused on feeding students, not fixing budgets. Feeding students, everyone wins.



*Need to fill funding gaps?
Put these proven strategies to work!*

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