

School Milk Slashed for Funds Lack

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The federal government will no longer subsidize special milk programs for 40 million of the nation's school children as they head back to school next week.

"We don't have the money to pay for the milk and so we are cutting out the program in all schools with school lunch programs," Herb Rorex, director of the Agriculture Department's Child Nutrition Service, said yesterday.

The program will be continued for 6 million children who attend schools with no lunch program.

The decision means that every school district in the Washington area will lose its school-milk subsidy, because all have school lunch programs, Rorex said. As a result of this and other increased costs, prices for school milk lunches will rise in most area schools. (Details on Page B1.)

"When Congress provides the money for this [milk] program, we will reconsider our action," Rorex said, pointing out that Congress has not passed an appropriation bill for this program other than including \$25 million in a continuing resolution to run the department.

The President's budget request for this fiscal year was for \$25 million, the amount Rorex considers necessary to continue the milk program in schools without lunch programs.

The House approved the President's request but the Senate increased the amount to \$97 million, \$2 million more than the amount appropriated

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