

September 9, 2020

Subject: USDA Waiver allowing free reimbursable meals to SEDS students

Families,

The US Department of Agriculture has authorized a waiver to allow the South Eastern School District to provide a free breakfast and a free lunch to all district students, in-person and virtual, each educational day through December 31, 2020 or until funds run out, whichever comes first. These free meals are available regardless of whether the student(s) are eligible for paid, reduced, or free meals. All reimbursable meal charges for meals purchased from August 31, 2020 through the present will be credited back to your child's meal account. Since funds are not needed at the present for purchase of breakfast and lunch, you may want to revisit the automatic payments you have set up through My School Bucks.

Please take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity by ordering weekly meals for pickup for virtual instruction days and by encouraging your children to eat breakfast and lunch at school. The link for ordering Meals to Go is:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcAM5D5I3C4DvQyqzp-fc9ozJ3kwuc4318_BvjFLFPyBQiHw/viewform

A la carte items are not part of this free waiver; therefore, funds must be available in the child's meal account for this type of food purchase.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, please complete a free/reduced application to provide for free or reduced meals once this waiver has expired. Applications may be completed at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/>. Signing up only takes a few minutes and the information submitted is confidential and only used to determine meal eligibility. If you need assistance, please call Mrs. Marilyn Hushon at 717-382-4843 x6224.

Please contact Mrs. Hushon if you have any questions about the food service program.

Thank you,
Mary Childress
Business Manager