

School Board of Brevard County

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Mark W. Mullins, Ed.D., Superintendent



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2020

TO: Leadership Team

FROM: Kevin M. Thornton, Director, Food and Nutrition Services *Kevin*

SUBJECT: Extension of Summer Food Service Program Waiver

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued a meal flexibility waiver to extend the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) through December 31, 2020 or until funding is depleted. The purpose of this extension is to ensure children have access to nutritious meals as the nation reopens during the coronavirus pandemic. This flexibility allows schools that qualify to offer meals at no charge to all children ages 18 and younger.

Pending approval from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), it is our intention to offer both breakfast and lunch meals at no charge to all students regardless of status starting September 16, 2020. We will notify you if this date changes. A la carte items will continue to be available for purchase in the cafeteria.

Meals will also be distributed curbside for children ages 18 and younger who are not attending school in-person, including eLearners, virtual students, and children not of school age. Under SFSP, parents may pick up meals at any meal distribution site. Meal distribution will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at all schools with the exception of the following: Clearlake BLAST, Educational Horizons Charter, Fieldston Prep, North/Central Abeyance, Riverdale, Sculptor Charter and South Abeyance. Parents may pick-up for children that are unable to accompany them provided they present a form of each child's identification such as a student id or birth certificate.

Please be advised that this is a temporary flexibility. Therefore, it is important that Brevard Public School (BPS) families interested in meal benefits for their children apply for Free and Reduced priced meals now if they haven't done so already. We appreciate any assistance you can offer communicating this to your families. Free and Reduced priced meal applications can be completed online at www.brevardschools.org/page/3473. Upon expiration of this meal flexibility, the schools will transition back to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Under the NSLP, breakfasts will continue to be offered at no charge, and lunch prices will be based on student status.

The Office of Food and Nutrition Services is pleased to be able to offer continuity of meals to help alleviate food insecurity for our community during the pandemic. I appreciate your continued support of FNS. Please feel free to contact me should you have questions at (321) 633-1000, extension 11690.

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