

June 16, 2020

Dear Families,

Because COVID-19 closed our schools, your children may be eligible for food assistance, called Pandemic EBT (P-EBT): Emergency School Meals Program.

P-EBT provides families with funds to make up for the cost of meals while school was closed. This benefit is for Washington children in grades k-12 who receive free or reduced-price school meals. These benefits will be on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card which is used like a debit card to buy groceries.

If your family has lost income since schools closed, you may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. You can find the application online at satsopschool.org or contact Marsha Hendrick and she will get one for you.

Every eligible child may receive **up to a maximum of \$399** of P-EBT. Immigration status does not matter for P-EBT – it is not Basic Food and will not count in a public charge test. P-EBT is intended to replace meals missed while schools closed due to COVID-19. Children are allowed to get free meals from school and community sites and get P-EBT at the same time – they are separate programs.

If your family does not receive Basic Food, you must apply for P-EBT if you want to receive the funds. The application will be open by June 30. There are two ways to apply:

- Go to: www.WashingtonConnection.org, or
- Call DSHS at 877-501-2233

See the attached flyer for more information about P-EBT.

We want to make sure all of our students stay healthy and grow strong.

Sincerely,

Marsha Hendrick