

To the Families of Southington Public School Students:

Exciting News - Free Meals for All **beginning 9/16/20**

Beginning September 16th, the Southington Public Schools will provide free breakfast and lunch to our students during the school day. In addition, families with kids 18 and under can receive free meals through our Grab and Go program. We strongly encourage everyone to feel comfortable having their students take advantage of this program. The district is reimbursed through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

- ❖ **Meals are free for everyone**
- ❖ **There is a charge for à la carte items such as snacks and ice cream. Funds on the MyPaymentsPlus account will be used for those purchases.**
- ❖ **Families should continue to complete Free & Reduced-price Meal applications, as the district will immediately begin charging for these meals when the funding from the USDA ends.**
- ❖ **We strongly encourage all families to share the menu available on our website with their children, so they decide what meals they would like to try and receive for free.**

Remote and Hybrid students, and families of Preschool aged children can access free meals at our Grab and Go location sites, J. F. Kennedy Middle School and J. A. DePaolo Middle School, between 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Please note:

- **The food items are all individually wrapped for your child's safety.**
- **All food service managers are certified as food safety managers by the NRFSP (National Registry Food Safety Professionals).**
- **Our staff was trained in emergency meal service and delivery.**
- **The Food Service Program follows the CT guidance for reopening food establishments during the COVID-19 emergency.**
- **The Food Service Program follows the Department of Public Health Food Protection Program.**
- **All social distancing protocols will be followed during any meal service.**

The Southington Public Schools has applied for the waiver to extend the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP. **NOTE:** The extension runs through December 31, 2020, however, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) reserves the right to withdraw this approval subject to the availability of funding.

Questions can be directed to the Food Service Department at 860-628-3286 x21220.