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Extra Food Benefits for Families During School Closures

Dear Families,

If your children normally get free or reduced price school meals, you're eligible to get extra grocery money. It's a new program called Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT).

For each month that school is closed and you are eligible, you will get \$5.70 per day for each of your children a K-12 school, school-based preschool, or school based Headstart that normally participate in the National School Lunch Program. AND you can still get "grab and go" meals from school during the pandemic!

Immigration status does not matter for Pandemic EBT. Pandemic EBT will <u>not</u> count in a public charge test.

Here are the ways your family can receive the Pandemic EBT benefit:

- 1. Already get SNAP? The extra money will be loaded on your Oregon Trail EBT card automatically.
- Don't have SNAP, but already qualify for free or reduced school meals? A new EBT card will be automatically mailed to you with instructions. If your whole school gets free meals, you will qualify too. Even though Pandemic EBT uses the same type of card as SNAP, Pandemic EBT is NOT SNAP benefits and is <u>not</u> considered in a public charge test.
- 3. Never received SNAP or free and reduced price school meals before?
 - a. A simple way to access the P-EBT benefit is by applying for free school meals here: https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp.
 - b. Receiving SNAP benefits can also qualify you, here's how to apply https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits.
 - c. You will automatically be given Pandemic EBT benefits starting the month you're approved for either free school meals or SNAP.

To find out more information, you can visit oregonhunger.org/covid-19 or call 2-1-1. We can also field questions at Central Curry School District, please call or email at 541-247-2003 ext. 226 or scarl@ccsd.k12.or.us For more food resources, please visit http://needfood.oregon.gov/

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay fed.

Sincerely,

Tim Wilson Superintendent