

SLATE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Information regarding Spring/Summer P-EBT Benefits for Vermont Households

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Dear Parent/Guardians:

This letter contains two very important pieces of information pertaining to P-EBT benefits for students.

The Department of Health and Human services has announced that the expiration date for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will be **May 11, 2023**. After this date, students will stop qualifying for P-EBT benefits for school days missed for a COVID-19 related reason.

Between May 11 - May 19, 2023 school districts will be required to submit eligibility data to the AOE for students who have missed school for a COVID-19 related reason from February 1, 2023 – May 11, 2023.

Additionally, Vermont will be issuing a final round of Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits to students who are enrolled in May of 2023. All students in our school community qualify for a Summer P-EBT benefit of \$120 per student. This is because of the way that we are offering free school meals to all students this year.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: The benefits will be sent to the head of household and the mailing address that we have on file for your student(s) in PowerSchool. **If you have moved or if you need to update your head of household information, please let us know by Monday, May 8, 2023**. To make changes, please contact Debra Robbins, SVUSD Registrar at <u>drobbins@svuvt.org</u> or (802) 265-4905 ext 2550.

These benefits will be sent out by mid-August. If your student missed school for a COVID related reason between February 2023 and May 11, 2023 you will receive benefits for those days at the same time. If you need to request a new card or have more questions about P-EBT, visit https://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/P-EBT or call 1-800-479-6151, option 7.

Thank you for your help Sincerely,

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