May 25, 2021

Hello-

Another round of Maine's <u>Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits</u> are coming soon. These food stamp benefits can be used to purchase food in stores, and <u>families of students that qualify for free and reduced</u> <u>lunch are eligible.</u>

For up-to-date P\_EBT information, including timelines, amounts and how to sign up for them, please go to: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/programs-services/food-supplement

If you did not apply for free and reduced meals this year, you still have time to complete the application and qualify for the benefit for the months following your application approval. Please complete the www.rsu56.schoollunchapp.com online.

Once it is complete, please email me at gcloutier@rsu56.org, to let me know that you have completed the application so that I can process it and upload your eligibility information to the state database. This will allow DHHS to access your school meal eligibility information and determine your EBT benefit amount and time frame.

## 2020-2021 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 454
2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2.821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
*Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

If your household income is at or below the limits on the chart to the left, you can qualify for the P-EBT benefit over the summer.

Please contact Gena Cloutier if you

have any questions about the free and reduced application process. All inquiries related to the P-EBT benefit, including amounts, timelines and eligibility, should be directed to the Office of Family Independence.

## Gena Cloutier RSU 56 Nutrition Director

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