



EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS

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COVID-19 Update Communication

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Good evening East Palestine families this is Mr. Neifer, EP Superintendent.

I wanted to touch base with you on a few things that have occurred over the last few days.

- First I want to thank everyone for their attention to our restart plan and their cooperation during the first few days of schools. Staff, students, and parents have done a great job adjusting to our new routines and protocols. The first few days have run very smoothly both in person and on-line. We have a few bumps that we are working on, but with everyone's cooperation I am confident that we will move forward successfully.
- Second, I want to make everyone aware that yesterday we received communication from the Ohio department of education that the USDA waiver that was in place last spring and this past summer has been extended until December 31st. That means that effective today we are able to provide free meals to all district children, both in person and on-line. There will still be a normal charge for snacks and ala carte items.
- Those families that are online and wish to take advantage of these free meals can still pick them up on Mondays from 9:30-10:30 behind the middle school. I ask if you are online and planning to take advantage of these meals that you fill out the Google Form, that can be found on the district website each week by the end of the day on Thursday so that we can plan accordingly for the next week.
- I also want to make sure that everyone is still completing and submitting the free and reduced lunch forms asap. This information plays a critical role in the district's financial picture and has to be updated at the beginning of each school year. Please submit those forms to the respective building offices.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and as always GO BULLDOGS!!!

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