



September 8, 2020

Dear Parent(s),

Back to school is an exciting time for students and families, and we are thrilled to join you as we welcome you back to school. There are some new **beneficial changes** within the food service department. The USDA just released a waiver to feed children under 18, or under 26 with an IEP or special needs, for free until December, 2020 or until funds run out. As we begin the school year all virtual, we will be distributing 7 days worth of meals curbside. Starting Monday, September 14th, from 1 pm - 3 pm, 7 days worth of meals can be picked up on Mondays.

Once you have a child that has entered the Hybrid stage, since students will be in class 2 days per week, they will be eligible to pick up a curbside bag for five days. Meals will be provided in the building the 2 days they are in class. Also, if you currently have a child that is attending school, and eating their meals on site, they are not eligible for a curbside bag.

We hope during these changing times that all families will take advantage of the curbside breakfast and lunch give away for 7 days. These meals can restore some normalcy to a healthy breakfast and lunch. Also, by participating in these programs, it provides some familiarity to your child or children, as they are learning in different environments. It is important to continue to fill out the free/reduced application, if it is a benefit that your family will be able to utilize after the USDA discontinues the extended SFSP waiver. Please see below instructions for curbside pick up.

Curbside Pick Up Protocol

The curbside pick up is located outside of Commons entrance at Chelsea High School, 740 North Freer Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118. The pick up will be each Monday from 1 pm - 3 pm. You will need to pull up your vehicle to the loading area, and let the team know how many children under 18 you will be picking up for, and any children with an IEP, 26 or under, or Special Needs. You will receive one bag per child. Also, you will receive milk with each bag. The milk is required to be taken with each bag. Again, these bags are free of charge until the end of 12/2020, or the USDA runs out of funds.

Special Dietary Accommodations

The Michigan Department of Education Office of Health and Nutrition Services requires that a Special Dietary Accommodations form be on file and signed by a physician prior to alteration of meals for allergies and intolerance. The substitution and omission of food must be listed in this form. The Food Service Director can be available to meet with a family to help with menus and alterations. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for double checking ingredients prior to serving. The curbside menus change each week based on items available for shipment. So, if there is a concern this should be addressed a week in advance for alterations. Alterations will not be made at curbside pickup. Please see attachment in



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household email for Special Dietary Accommodations in Back to School email from Food Service. This form should be returned to the Food Service Director signed by a physician prior to any alterations of meals.

Putting Money on Accounts

Once we go back to students having to pay for meals in January 2021 or when USDA money runs out, if you need to put money on a student account it will need to be put on an online account until your school is a Hybrid. You can email the Food Service Director at dover@chelsea.k12.mi.us to get the instructions to set up an account. Also, you can call at 734-433-2201 ext. 1023. All student balances are expected to be paid on a timely basis. Please read attached rules for charging meals with the Chelsea School District.

Student Meal Pricing

The lunch prices for the 2020-2021 school year, once we go back to charging students, will be \$2.85 for all elementary students and \$3.35 for both middle & high school students. Breakfast will be \$1.60 for elementary students and \$1.85 for both middle & high school students. Meal prices subject to change. Please note that the free meals through December 2020 do not include a la carte items (ie, chips, soda, cookies, etc.)

Free/Reduced Applications

Applications for free or reduced priced meals are available to families to complete at any time during the school year. Student meal benefits are extended to both breakfast and lunch meals. Applications will be emailed to all families of the Chelsea School District. Also, applications will be available online under the food service heading and at each front office site. Please contact Deborah Over at (734) 433-2201 ext 1023 with any questions regarding benefit status or the free and reduced meal program.

Best Regards,
Deborah Over
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