

DEKALB COUNTY EASTERN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

At the end of last week, we received notice from the Indiana Department of Education that once again they have changed the federal lunch program. As of Monday, September 21, 2020, ALL Indiana students may receive one free breakfast and one free lunch per school day until the last school day for this calendar year which is December 18, 2020, or until federal funds are depleted.

All reimbursable meals purchased since August 1, 2020, will be refunded to the student's account. Meals provided by the school are considered reimbursable since they meet the guidelines which included three of the five food groups with one being a fruit or vegetables. A la carte items are available for purchase for our students and staff but are not eligible for reimbursement.

Students who are remote learners may also participate in this program. Families of remote learners will need to order their meals weekly and will be required to pick the food up at the school. All orders will need to be placed by noon on Monday to be received Wednesday. To place an order please email Food Service Director, Sherrie Curcio at scurcio@dkeschools.com and she will send you an order form. An order form needs to be completed for each child participating. On the order form please provide the name of student(s), type of milk requested and which school you will pick up from. When requesting meals for the week you will get 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches. Meals will be available for pick up on Wednesday between 1:00-1:30. Pick up at Eastside Jr/Sr High School will be door 5; Butler Elementary School door 9; Riverdale Elementary School door 5. This program will begin next week with the first pick-up occurring next Wednesday, September 23, 2020. If school is closed on the scheduled pick-up day due to inclement weather, the pick-up will take place the following day.

Families that normally qualify for free and reduced lunch must still complete the free and reduce application. This information is used to maintain federally funded programs and services throughout the school year which includes textbook assistance and Title 1 services. The application is available through your school office.

I know the lunch program has changed several times this year due to COVID 19, school closing, changing regulations, etc. We will do everything possible to keep you informed as this process continues to change and evolve.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey Stephens, Superintendent

It is the mission of DeKalb County Eastern C.S.D., in concert with the community, to provide all learners with skills to adapt intellectually and socially to their changing environment.

