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MEETING STUDENTS’ NUTRITIONAL NEEDS THIS SCHOOL YEAR

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Today’s Agenda:

- Update on USDA CN Nationwide Waivers
- Models for Serving Meals for School Year 2020-2021
- Pandemic EBT Program (P-EBT)
Update on USDA’s Child Nutrition Waivers
Schools and community-based sponsors can now use the Summer Nutrition Programs to serve meals this fall. On Monday, USDA announced the extension of the following waivers through the end of December.

- Allow Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Operations
- Extend Area Eligibility waivers
- Meals can be taken home, instead of consumed onsite;
- Meals can be served in non-eligible areas;
- Parents/guardians can pick up meals without children present;
- Multiple days’ worth of meals can be distributed at one time;
- Flexibility in meeting the meal pattern requirements
USDA SBP & NSLP Waivers

*Most extended through June 2021*

- Non-Congregate Feeding
- Meal Service Time Flexibility
- Parent/Guardian Pick-up
- Meal Pattern Flexibility
- Monitoring Requirements for SFA, State Agencies, and State Sponsors

FRAC’s Summary of USDA’s Nationwide Child Nutrition Waivers in Response to COVID-19
School Meals this Fall

- School breakfast, school lunch, and afterschool meal programs are going to look different this fall.
- CDC has released **interim guidance** for school administrators:
  - Recommends continuity of meal programs
  - Suggests avoid mixing students in common areas
- States are also issuing guidance to districts to help plan for reopening – many include recommendations for meal service
Trends from State Plans

For in-person learning:

- Serve meals in classroom
- Individually wrap and serve meals / no self service
- Make changes to cafeteria (staggered times)
- Send breakfast home at the start of school day
- Make plan in event of school closures

For virtual learning:

- Offer multiple meals
- Offer delivery services
- Share community partner locations
The Afterschool Nutrition Programs provide federal funding to serve nutritious meals and snacks to children and teens at schools, community and recreation centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA’s and other sites that offer educational and enrichment activities after school, on weekends, and during school holidays.

These programs can operate on weekends and school holidays. Even though the meal is often referred to as supper, during weekends and holiday, operators can choose to serve breakfast or lunch instead.
What You Can Do

- Review your district’s plan – are meals included?
- Support school districts as they develop systems for meal service – what do they need to implement?
- Support afterschool meal programs
- Weigh-in if waivers are needed
- Connect with state anti-hunger organization
Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT)
Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

• Created through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
• Provides an EBT card to purchase food at retailers that accept SNAP
• Designed to provide nutrition resources to families to replace school meals
Who is Eligible?

- Children certified for free or reduced-price school meals
- Children who attend schools that offer free meals
- Newly eligible families
P-EBT Benefits

- Free Lunch: $3.50
- Free Breakfast: $2.20
- Per day: $5.70
- 4 weeks: $114 per child
States with Open Applications

Colorado
Deadline: Late Sept

Georgia
Deadline: Sept 25th

Alaska
Deadline: Sept 15th

Washington
Deadline: Sept 11th
Take Action to Extend P-EBT

Reach out to your Members of Congress and urge them to extend and improve P-EBT in the next relief package.

For more information, go to: https://frac.org/pebt
Question & Answer
Emergency Family Stabilization Act, H.R. 7950/S. 3923

Sponsored by U.S. Representatives John Yarmuth (D-KY), Don Bacon (R-NE), Danny K. Davis (D-IL), Don Young (R-AK) & U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Joe Manchin (D-WV), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), Susan Collins (R-ME)

- Bipartisan legislation that introduces a new, flexible, emergency funding stream for community-based organizations (including schools) through the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Provides direct dedicated funding to meet the unique needs of families, children, and youth experiencing homelessness under the broader definition.
  - House bill provides $2 billion
  - Senate bill provides $800 million
- Funds can be used for a wide variety of emergency housing, health, education, and safety-related needs.
- Helping children, youth, and families through the systems to which they are most connected will stabilize them quicker and more effectively

Additional Legislative Priorities
Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY)

- Previous COVID-19 legislation, the CARES Act, permitted funds to be used for activities to support students experiencing homelessness, but did not require it.
- As a result, most states are not directing CARES Act dollars to homeless students.
- EHCY is the only federal education program that removes barriers to school enrollment, attendance, and success caused by homelessness. Without dedicated funding for EHCY, many homeless students will not be identified and connected to school.
- SHC is advocating for $500 million in EHCY funding in the next COVID/stimulus bill. (This was included in the Senate Democrat bill, S. 4112)
Many unaccompanied youth and young adults experiencing homelessness or from foster care cannot access stimulus payments because their parents have claimed them as dependents.

SHC is advocating for a fix to ensure these youth are considered eligible individuals so they can access these payments.
Additional Coronavirus/Stimulus Requests Supported by SHC

Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)

$300 million to provide foundational support to new and existing grantees to prevent and address youth homelessness through basic centers, transitional living programs, and street outreach programs

Eviction Moratorium. Protecting Renters from Evictions and Fees Act, S. 4097

- Extends the federal eviction moratorium to March 27, 2021
- Expands the moratorium to cover substantially all renters.
- Prohibits fees, fines, and extra charges due to nonpayment of rent.
- NOTE: Does not protect families paying to stay in motels, or those staying with others
Call to Action

- It is important for Members of Congress to hear from their constituents, and the time is now.
- Take action today by:

  Step 1: Using this action form to personalize a template letter to be delivered to your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives.

  **NOTE:** If you have a relationship with a Member of Congress or their staff, email them the letter directly. Ask SHC for specific contact names.

  Step 2: (For local, state and national organizations): Endorse the legislation by completing this sign-on form.

  Step 3: Sharing as widely as possible with your networks.
Take Your Advocacy a Step Further

- Ever had a one-on-one meeting with a Hill staffer? Interested in giving it a try?
- SchoolHouse Connection wants to find new ways that we can best facilitate your advocacy.
- [Sign up here](#) if you are interested in participating in meetings with your U.S. Representatives and/or Senators. We’ll organize this for you!

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