

## ***IMPORTANT LUNCH INFORMATION***

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to Wrentham Public School Lunch Program.

While the start of the school year looks a little different for everyone, I wanted to share with you some good news that schools nationwide received last week. The USDA extended a waiver that allows schools to serve **free lunch to ALL STUDENTS, through 12/31/20 or when funding runs out**. We are thrilled with this news as it means that we will be able to provide all Wrentham Public School students with nutritious and nourishing food for free that will support them, both in school and at home.

What this means for your family and for Wrentham Public Schools:

- It allows Wrentham Public Schools to provide the most nourishing and appetizing meals possible for your children. When your children eat school meals, it helps the school system by providing federal funds to the district. The more meals we serve, the more funding we receive, allowing us to focus on meal quality, variety and innovative practices (new recipes, frozen take home meals, etc.). If your children have never before participated in school meals, consider trying the program this year!
- Your children will receive a healthy lunch every school day, **at no cost**, in a safe and welcoming environment. Students attending In School classes will have their lunches delivered to the classroom. Student learning remote have the option of receiving a remote meal. You may pick up meals for your children who are remote learners behind the Delaney School from 10:45-12:00pm.

At this time, this benefit is only available until **December 31, 2020** or until funding runs out. We request that you still fill out a Free/Reduced Lunch Application so if, and when we do transition back to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), we will have a seamless transition.

We also encourage you to apply for SNAP Benefits. SNAP provides monthly cash benefits (on an EBT card) to purchase groceries for eligible families. To apply for SNAP, visit [www.startwithsnap.org](http://www.startwithsnap.org) or call the Project Bread Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. If you are unsure whether your family is eligible, the Food Source Hotline can assist you with eligibility questions.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [crowleym@wrenthamschools.org](mailto:crowleym@wrenthamschools.org) or 508-384-5430 x1070.

Sincerely,

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