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Free Meals for All Children Extended through May 26



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, announced the extension of several waivers on Oct. 9, 2020, which allows the Houston County School Nutrition Program to provide free meals for all children through the end of the 2020-2021 school year, May 26, 2021. The school district is offering free meals for all children ages 18 and under. Any child, whether enrolled in the district, homeschooled, or too young to be enrolled in school, is able to receive meals at no charge.

Free breakfasts and lunches will be provided for all students who attend school on campus, as well as all other children who live in the community. Parents/guardians may pick up meals at any of the district's middle schools or high schools on Wednesdays between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

For safety and convenience, parents may pick up meals for the entire week using the bus or car rider lane. No reservations are required. The 13 meal sites are: Bonaire Middle, Feagin Mill Middle, Houston County High, Huntington Middle, Mossy Creek Middle, Northside High, Northside Middle, Perry High, Perry Middle, Thomson Middle, Veterans High, Warner Robins High and Warner Robins Middle.

“As our nation recovers and reopens, we want to ensure that children continue to receive the nutritious breakfasts and lunches they count on during the school year wherever they are, and however they are learning,” said Secretary Perdue. “We are grateful for the heroic efforts by our school food service professionals who are consistently serving healthy meals to kids during these trying times, and we know they need maximum flexibility right now.”

During the weekly meal distribution, each child will receive 10 meals - five breakfasts and five lunches. Breakfast may consist of granola bars, yogurts, or breakfast pastries. Lunch may include items such as individual pizzas, deli sandwiches, chicken nuggets, or hamburgers. Each meal pack will contain several fruit and vegetable options, as well as juice and milk.

For the most up-to-date information about school nutrition, parents are encouraged to visit the School Nutrition webpage, <https://www.hcbe.net/schoolnutrition>, and social media platforms. For more information about school meals, parents may contact the School Nutrition Area Manager, April Bohannon, at April.Bohannon@hcbe.net.

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