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## One Million Meals Celebration June 10



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Houston County School Nutrition Program (SNP) reached a milestone on June 8, having provided a total of one million meals for children since March 17, 2020. School Nutrition will celebrate “One Million Meals Served” on Wednesday, June 10, as they distribute meals to Houston County’s children between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The employees will wear special t-shirts celebrating this accomplishment, while handing out meals at a school or on mobile routes.

“Nothing about COVID-19 has been convenient,” said Meredith Potter, Director of School Nutrition. “Operating during these times, however, has given us the opportunity to strengthen partnerships with business and community members. Reaching this one-million-meals mark since March 17 would not have been possible without the support of our Board of Education, distributors, farmers and dedicated employees. The overwhelming support from parents and students was so encouraging as we constantly tweaked our processes to better serve our families. We are proud to continue our mission of feeding children through the summer months. We also anxiously await the day when we welcome our students back into our cafeterias with hugs and high-fives!”

The Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Dr. Zabrina Canady, commented, “This milestone is a testament to the dedication, teamwork and spirit of our school nutrition staff and administration! They work tirelessly to provide meals to the children of Houston County.”

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Throughout the school district closure, staff members offered breakfast and lunch for children ages 18 years and under, through pickup service at school sites and mobile van routes. During the month of May, they also offered Houston County families *Pizza Night Meals to Go* with whole pizzas, fresh vegetables, local fruit and half-gallons of milk. In addition, school nutrition staff members participated in the high schools' special events to celebrate graduates by offering seniors a breakfast to go.

The SNP will continue to offer meals free of charge this summer to children ages 18 and under through July 29, 2020. Children do not need to be enrolled in the Houston County School District to receive meals. For more information, please contact Potter at [Meredith.Potter@hcbe.net](mailto:Meredith.Potter@hcbe.net).

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