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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Earlier this week the USDA announced the extension of “Free Meals for Kids” through December 31, 2020. This extension allows all students and children, under the age of 18, in the household, access to free breakfast and lunch throughout the school days, no matter the income level of the family.

All students are encouraged to take advantage of the breakfast and lunch program at the schools. As stated in our previous letter from August 2020 students will have a choice of hot and cold lunch. Parents are encouraged in the elementary building to preorder the meals for their children to allow for planning in the kitchens. All students in the elementary building will receive a school prepared lunch in their classroom starting next week. Middle School and High School students will have the choice as in the past for hot or cold lunch, it will all be prepackaged as grab and go in the cafeteria.

Students will not be required to enter their lunch pin at the register unless they are purchasing a la carte items (water and cookies are the only selections). Students will not be able to charge a la carte items, they must pay with cash or use the prepaid account through myschoolbucks.com.

For the first week school meal pick up will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Clayton Huey and High School from 10-12 as well as on Thursday. For the remainder of the school year, while we continue to have distance learning, meal pick-up will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Pickup will be at the High School (outside the cafeteria) and Clayton Huey Elementary (in the bus loop) between the hours of 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. In order to receive the meal for your students provide your family last name and how many student meals are needed at the pick-up site. This meal service is only for students registered with the Center Moriches School District. Parents/guardians, or students can pick up the meals.

Finally, Free/Reduced applications are available on the district website. We encourage all families that qualified for this program at the end of the 2019-2020 school year to reapply and any family that has had a change in financial status over the past year to please apply. Although the application is not necessary to receive the free meals through December 2020, we will need the information for January 2021.

Sincerely,

Keri Loughlin

Assistant Superintendent for Business