

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TO: All Principals

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SUBJECT: USDA WAIVER – FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved a Waiver, August 31, 2020, to allow Sponsors to operate under the Summer Feeding Program until December 31, 2020. The Waiver allows for districts beginning the school year under the National School Lunch Program to transition to the Summer Feeding Program.

The District will transition to the Summer Feeding Program as of Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

The Summer Feeding Program was operational from March 16 - July 31, 2020.

Summer Feeding Program highlights and updates:

- Provides all children in the community access to meals at no charge.
- All Elementary, Middle, and High Schools will transition to the Summer Feeding Program.
- The "Grab and Go" Distribution Model will continue.
- Parents will continue to have the opportunity to pick up student meals if the student is not present, Waiver COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response # 5. The parent must present a form of student identification; examples include: a student identification badge, class schedule, registration, birth certificate, library card, or passport.
- Meal distribution days and times will remain Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Food and Nutrition Services Department is updating required USDA information on each school's operational application. Application approval will be received from the State within forty-eight (48) hours of submission.

- The District will continue to collect and approve Meal Benefit Applications in preparation of the Waiver's conclusion on December 31, 2020. The National School Lunch Program will resume in January 2021 where students will be served according to their Meal Eligibility; Paid, Reduced, or Free.
- Free and Reduced Meal Application data will continue to be available to District Departments for reporting requirements to the Department of Education.
- The Summer Feeding Program allows for two meals to be served daily for meal reimbursement. The District will be offering breakfast and lunch.
- Breakfast and lunch meals will be claimed utilizing the Summer Feeding reimbursement rates.
- Supper and snack meals can be served under the Department of Health, during Summer Feeding, if a waiver is approved. The District is awaiting this Waiver.

Any questions can be directed to Food and Nutrition Services Director Mary Mulder, at 754-321-0215.

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Attachments (2)

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