THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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- TO: All Principals
- FROM: Maurice L. Woods Chief Strategy & Operations Officer
- VIA: Valerie S. Wanza, Ph. D. Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer

SUBJECT: PROVIDING ADDITONAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS COMPLETING THE ONLINE MEAL APPLICATION SCHOOL YEAR 2018/19

At the start of the 2010/11 school year, the Food and Nutrition Services Department implemented an online meal application for parents to apply for free and reduced-price meals in a simple, convenient, and confidential manner.

Throughout July and August of 2015, Food and Nutrition Services utilized a mobile unit to provide additional assistance for parents in completing the online meal application. During the 2017/18 school year, Food and Nutrition Services and schools provided computer access and support staff for parents, resulting in 99.93 percent of households that completed a meal application utilized the <u>www.myschoolapps.com</u> web site.

Food and Nutrition Services staff will again provide assistance for the 2018/19 school year. The attached schedule identifies the date, time, and location in the District where staff will be located. The staff will be based at 19 centrally located sites providing assistance to 112 sites identified through application data. Food and Nutrition Services will inform parents of the schedule, via the District's Parent Link phone messaging system. In addition, Food and Nutrition Services will provide assistance to parents at high school open houses and orientations according to the attached schedule.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Food and Nutrition Services at 754-321-0250.

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