EMAIL TO NON-CEP SCHOOL FAMILIES

(Cedar Wood, Forest View, Mill Creek, Penny Creek, Silver Firs, Tambark Creek, Gateway, Heatherwood, Jackson High)

Subject Line: Update on 2023 summer meal provisions

June 1, 2023

Dear [school] families:

This summer, every family who has qualified for free and reduced lunch (FRL) this year will each receive in the mail a letter and one Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) card per student enrolled in SCHOOL NAME for the 2022-23 school year. These cards will have \$120 on them and are federally funded. You will have four months to use the money on the card.

Children enrolled in school are eligible by default. If a child is under 6 and not in school, they are eligible if they already receive SNAP benefits. Visit <u>Washington State Department of Social and Health Services</u> for more information about this program. We have no further details than what this website can provide.

If your family has received a P-EBT card in the past, you will receive a letter and existing P-EBT cards will be re-loaded with funds. If you do not have your P-EBT cards anymore, you can call the P-EBT Contact Center at **1-833-518-0282**.

Families who have never received a P-EBT card will receive a letter and card(s) in the mail. The letters will also include information for families who wish to decline P-EBT benefits. Funds cannot be gifted or donated.

If you have changed addresses this school year, please make sure your current address is updated with your students' school building.

SCHOOL NAME does not have information about when funds will be added to the P-EBT cards and recommends signing up for text message alerts to receive P-EBT updates. Sign up here: https://www.textpebt.dshs.wa.gov/.

If you believe you may qualify for FRL, but have not filled out the paperwork this year, you still have time. If you complete the application before June 16 and qualify, then you will also receive the P-EBT card this summer. You can apply for free and reduced meals on our <u>food and nutrition website</u>. All FRL applications must be renewed annually, so if you do it now you will need to do it again in August for the 2023-24 school year.

If you have any questions, please visit Washington DSHS, or visit our Let's Talk Portal.

Thank you.

SCHOOL NAME