



SOUTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parents and Southwest Local Community,

The USDA and the state of Ohio have determined that all students, regardless of your financial situation, may participate in school breakfast and lunch programs for free through December 31, 2020. Beginning on Tuesday September 8th, 2020 no child will be required to pay for breakfast or lunch meals at any of our Southwest Local Schools. Extra entrees, snacks, individual milk, and other a la carte items that are not considered complete “meals” in the school lunch program are not covered by this waiver, but will be available for purchase as they have been in the past. For context, a complete “meal” includes our entrée, fruit, vegetables, and milk. All of these components must be taken by the student in order to qualify for these free meals through December of 2020.

In order to continue to receive free or reduced meals, as well as qualify for a fee waiver or assistance from local churches, we are asking all families to complete the free and reduced online application. This form can be found using the link below or by visiting our “Food Service” department tab on the district website. If you have already submitted an application for this school year, another application does not need to be completed.

For students who are remote learning this first semester, we will be providing a distribution of 5 breakfast and lunch meals for pick up similar to what we did over the summer. If interested in these packs of meals, please contact Sue Toelke at 513-728-8414 to place an order. Orders must be placed by the end of the day on Thursday the week before the meal distribution is requested. Distribution of these meals for virtual students will start the week of September 14th. Locations and times will be communicated to families once meals are prepared based on community demand and space available in our kitchens and refrigerators.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH ONLINE APPLICATION:

- <https://mealapp.lunchtimesoftware.net/>

If you have any questions about this program you can reach out to either Sue Toelke (susan.toelke@southwestschools.org) or Adam Lohbeck (adam.lohbeck@southwestschools.org) via email or call our district office at 513-367-4139.

Mission: “Academic and Social growth for all students, EVERY DAY!”

Motto: “Excellence through Relationships!”

Core Values: Trust, Respect, Ownership, and Leadership