

April 3, 2020

### **Student Lunch Meals Update**

Based on the lower volume of Grab and Go lunches that have been distributed to date and also to assist in social distancing, starting Monday, April 6th, student lunches will be distributed only two days per week following the distribution model below:

**Monday** - two student meals can be picked up for Monday and Tuesday

**Wednesday** - three student meals can be picked up for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

There will be no meal pick up on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday beginning week of April 6th.

All enrolled children and any children up to age 18 are eligible for a free daily meal and no children have to be present to get meals. Meal pick up times will continue to be 11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m at Palombi Middle School- Entrance #5.

### **Additional Resources:**

The USDA announced the launch of an online tool – the “Meals for Kids” Site Finder – to help families find meals for children while schools are closed during the coronavirus pandemic. The “Meals for Kids” interactive map directs people to local sites where kids can get free meals.

The map is available in both English and Spanish at [www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids](http://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids).

Food Finder and Nutrislice have both developed solutions to increase nationwide access to these critical free meals. Food Finder will display USDA’s Meals for Kids locations on their web and mobile app, while Nutrislice is offering their mobile ordering and meal locator solutions for free to hundreds of schools nationwide.

The USDA National Hunger Hotline is also available for anyone seeking food assistance. The hotline, operated by Hunger Free America, can be reached Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET at 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273) (for Spanish).