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CSD FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT 01

Dear Parents, Community Members, Staff, and Students:

The US Department of Agriculture, which facilitates the National Child Nutrition Programs, has issued a nationwide waiver permitting the distribution of meals during COVID-19, which allows parents to take meals home on behalf of their children. Typically, children and students must be physically present and consume meals on school grounds as part of federal food service programs. However, the waiver removes this component of the requirement.

Beginning Tuesday, 3/31/2020, grab-and-go meals will be available for pick up at Mt. Eccles Elementary School’s main entrance between the hours of 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. At that time, parents/guardians and/or students may pick up 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches for each child in your household. Food service staff will be there during this time to welcome people, tally meals, answer questions, and assist, as needed.

Grab-and-Go meals will be placed in bags on a convenient, self-serve table just outside the main doors. Each bag will contain 1 ready to heat meal, lunch meats, cheese, bread for four meals, as well as 5 fruits, 5 vegetables, 5 milks for lunches and 5 complete breakfasts. Food service staff will monitor distribution and check off children’s names on a meal roster, similar to our regular routine during the school day. Please follow the process listed below to help maintain health and safety standards for all:

- Families whose last names start with A-K—pick-up time from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (every Tuesday)
- Families whose last names start with L-Z—pick-up time from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (every Tuesday)
- Meals are available for any child ages 0-18, including those who are not CSD students/families
- Approach main doors from upper stair case; pick up meals; exit foot traffic toward the harbor (see below)
- Maintain at least six feet from others if waiting in line
- No public access to the building for any reason

We will continue to keep you informed with any updates to the Grab-and-Go Meals Program on our webpage and on social media. Food distribution days will be every Tuesday until further notice and may be subject to change based on state and local health mandates.

Thank you for your continued support of CSD and for your patience as we adapt our practices to new situations!

Sandie Ponte, Director of Food Services  
Alex Russin, Superintendent

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