

# DORCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

"EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY, A SUCCESS"

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Dorchester Public School has just been informed that beginning on September 1, 2020, we will be able to provide **ALL** Dorchester Public School students free breakfast and free lunch hopefully through December 23, 2020 (our last day of first semester). Therefore, we will credit any meals charged to students starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the result of US Secretary of Agriculture Purdue extending our authorization for the Summer Food Service Program.

Here are several key pieces of information:

- **ALL** Dorchester Public School students enrolled are eligible for one breakfast and one lunch free per day, regardless of prior eligibility.
- **Only complete meals will be free.** Any "seconds", ala carte items, or extras will be charged accordingly. This includes milk if your child brings lunch from home.
- Because this program will end on December 31, 2020, if you believe you are eligible for Free/Reduced meals with the regular School Lunch Program, you must complete and send applications now. The grace period from last year will be over on September 30<sup>th</sup>. When this program ends in December, and you have not completed your application, meals served will be charged to your child's account beginning in January.
- Any meal charges incurred before September 1<sup>st</sup> will need to be paid, this includes any balances left from last year.
- All balances will remain on student's accounts.
- This only lasts as long as the Federal funds are available, through December 31<sup>st</sup> if not before.