

April 14, 2020

Dear South Burlington School District Families,

Thank you for your continued support of our Nutritional Services program. It has been an honor to provide nutritious meals for our families and our community.

We want to be sure all our families continue to have access to our breakfast and lunch programs and other nutritional opportunities.

If you or someone in your family is losing pay because of COVID-19, [filling out this application TODAY](#) may provide extra funds for your family's grocery needs.

Why fill out the application?

- If your family has experienced a reduction in income, if you have been laid off, or if you have had your hours reduced, you may now be eligible for nutrition programs that are designed to help your family in unexpected and emergency situations like this coronavirus pandemic.
- Even if your change in employment, reduction in hours, and/or reduction in pay is expected to be temporary, you should fill out the application as it may help you get extra money for food in addition to any other benefits you may already have or be applying for.
- The new stimulus package passed by the Federal Government features increased benefits for anyone eligible to receive free and reduced-price meals. (*Please note:* Those families who are already enrolled in the free & reduced-price meal program at school do not need to fill out the above application to receive this additional benefit.)

You may apply in one of the following ways:

1. Online (at the link above);
2. Print and fill out the attached paper application at <https://www.sbschools.net/Domain/40> and return it to Rhonda Ketner, 500 Dorset Street, South Burlington, VT 05403 via US mail;
3. Fill out a paper application, scan it, and email it to [rketner@sbschools.net](mailto:rketner@sbschools.net);
4. Fill out a paper application, enclose it in an envelope, and give it to the bus route driver or drop it off at one of the meal pick-up locations.

After filling out the application:

1. If your family becomes newly approved, the Department for Children and Families will mail a new EBT card and a letter explaining the program.
2. If households have questions regarding the benefits, please contact DCF benefit service center directly at 1-800-479-6151.
3. The exact benefit amount is still pending from USDA, but it will be between \$6-\$7 per student per weekday for the remainder of the school year. That is \$30-\$35 per child under the age of 18 per week.

Thank you. We are all in this together, so please send any further questions our way.

Sincerely,

Gary Marckres  
*Director of Operations  
and Financial Management*

Rhonda Ketner  
*Director of Nutritional Services*

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