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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# NEWS RELEASE

## **KPBSD Student Nutrition Services (SNS) SNS PLANS TO SERVE MEALS ONSITE, PLUS GET-IT AND GO NEW STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS IS LIVE**

**Soldotna, August 4, 2020—The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District will provide meals to students who attend school onsite, and to everyone who chooses 100% remote learning with their KPBSD school.\* New! A streamlined online application for Free and Reduced Meals to determine benefits and qualify communities for federal funds is now live.**

### **Kenai Peninsula Borough School District 2020-2021 Meal Prices:**

Breakfast: Students approved for Free and Reduced meals: \$.00; Grades K-12: \$2.00  
Lunch: Students approved for reduced meals: \$.40; Grades K-6: \$3.00; Grades 7-12: \$3.50

The Community Eligible Program (CEP) qualifies every student in the school to receive free meals. KPBSD CEP schools are: Homer Flex School; Nanwalek School; Nikolaevsk School; Port Graham School; Tebughna School

### **New! Two key changes in the 2020-2021 school year:**

**Online Application: Parents or guardians must reapply each year for free or reduced meal benefits**  
This year, all applications will be accepted online through the new state portal at <http://mealapp.kpbsd.org>. If someone does not have access to the internet, each school will have a few paper applications in the school office.

Meal benefits from the 2019-2020 school year will carry over until October 5, 2020, but a new application must be received by KPBSD Student Nutrition Services by then, or the student will revert to a paid meal status.

### **Opt-In form required to charge meals up to two days of meals**

Students will not be permitted to charge any meals this year until parents or guardians have signed an Opt-In form for their child. The Opt-In is included in the online packet, and SNS needs a form completed for each student that a parent gives permission to charge. When completed, students will be allowed to charge up to two days of meals, and no further charges will be allowed until the amount is paid back.

### **KPBSD: ONE DISTRICT, FORTY-TWO DIVERSE SCHOOLS**

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\*Get It and Go Meals will be provided to families who choose 100% Remote Learning with their KPBSD School, and available for pickup once a week at the school. If a KPBSD school shifts to high COVID19 risk and becomes 100% Remote, then those students will also be able to receive Get It and Go Meals, similar to spring 2020. Meal charges will be applied to the students account according to their Free, Reduced, or Paid status. Homeschool students are not eligible for Get It and Go Meals.

*In 1965, federal funds were established through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to ensure that all children have a fair and equal opportunity to education. KPBSD has developed programs to support struggling learners all around the district, and various forms are included in school registration packets each year to help identify qualifying students and families. Completion of the Free and Reduced Meal application—even by families who do not want to use free or reduced price meals—is important to the continuation of these federally funded programs. Federal funding is based on qualified applications.*

**Apply Online. Anytime. Anywhere.**  
<http://mealapp.kpbsd.org>

**Kenai Peninsula Borough School District made it faster and easier for parents to apply for free and reduced meals.**

This free service enables families to receive program benefits faster than using the paper application. Your application is electronically submitted directly to the KPBSD Student Nutrition Services office to process.

- ✓ **Submit your application in minutes**
- ✓ **Easy-to-follow steps**
- ✓ **Faster processing**
- ✓ **Safe and secure**

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**Links**

- [KPBSD Student Nutrition Services webpage](#)
- KPBSD Free and Reduced Meal application: <http://mealapp.kpbsd.org>
- KPBSD secure [webstore to add food service funds for meals](#), or use the link on the [KPBSD mobile app](#)

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