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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# NEWS RELEASE

## *KPBSD schools offer National School Lunch Program*

**Soldotna, September 7, 2018— The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) participates in the National School Lunch Program. Applications for free and reduced meals are currently being accepted, and meals will be available to all children at these schools:**

Chapman School; Fireweed Academy; Homer High School; Homer Middle School; Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science; Kenai Alternative High School; Kenai Central High School; Kenai Middle School; McNeil Canyon Elementary; Moose Pass School; Mountain View Elementary; Nikiski Middle-High School; Nikiski North Star Elementary; Ninilchik School; Paul Banks Elementary; Redoubt Elementary; River City Academy; Seward Elementary; Seward High School; Seward Middle School; Skyview Middle School; Soldotna Elementary; Soldotna High School; Soldotna Prep School; Soldotna Montessori; Sterling Elementary; Susan B. English School; Tustumena Elementary; and West Homer Elementary.

Meals meet nutritional standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Our schools will participate in the National School Lunch Program, After School Snack, and School Breakfast Program.

### **Community Eligible Meals**

Students at Homer Flex; Nanwalek; Nikolaevsk; Port Graham; and Tebughna qualify for the Community Eligibility Meal program that allows all students to eat a free meal for both breakfast and lunch. Families with students that attend these schools or attend a school that does not have a National School Lunch or Breakfast Program will not fill out the School Meals Application but will fill out the Income Declaration Form.

### **Parents and Guardians**

**If your income is less than or equal to the following guidelines you are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.** These guidelines are effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

To receive an application for free or reduced-price school meals, or ask questions, contact KPBSD Student Nutrition Services, 139 Park Avenue, Soldotna AK 99669, or call 907-714-8831. Applications cannot be processed and determined until fully completed. Information provided on applications is subject to verification at any time.

Link: KPBSD [Student Nutrition Services](http://bit.ly/StudentNutritionServices) webpage: <http://bit.ly/StudentNutritionServices>

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If you have children who are approved for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Native Family Assistance Program (NFAP), they are automatically able to receive free meals by filing an application that includes their assistance number from one of those programs. Students who are migrant, homeless, or runaways are automatically eligible and do not need to fill out an application. Foster children receive free meals regardless of the income of the household with which they reside. Note: Medicaid and Denali Kid Care case numbers do not qualify for eligibility.

**Alaska Income Eligibility Guidelines  
July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019**

Reduced Price Meals – 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines						Free Meals – 130 % of Federal Poverty Guidelines				
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	28,083	2,341	1,171	1,081	543	19,734	1,645	823	759	380
2	38,073	3,173	1,587	1,465	733	26,754	2,230	1,115	1,029	515
3	48,063	4,006	2,003	1,849	925	33,774	2,815	1,408	1,299	650
4	58,053	4,838	2,419	2,233	1,117	40,794	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	68,043	5,671	2,836	2,618	1,309	47,814	3,985	1,993	1,839	920
6	78,033	6,503	3,252	3,002	1,501	54,834	4,570	2,285	2,109	1,055
7	88,023	7,336	3,686	3,386	1,693	61,854	5,155	2,578	2,379	1,190
8	98,013	8,168	3,770	3,770	1,885	68,874	5,740	2,870	2,649	1,325
<b>For each additional family member add:</b>										
	9,990	833	417	385	193	7,020	585	293	270	135

You may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year if your situation changes. If you become unemployed, your child or children may be able to have free or reduced priced meals based on your unemployment income. If your free or reduced price meals application is denied, you will have an opportunity to appeal the decision.

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Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;  
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