Dear Families,

We are currently working with the New Jersey Department of Human Services: Division of Family Development and the New Jersey Department of Human Services on the next round of Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT).

P-EBT is a federally funded program designed to help families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price schools’ meals at schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and in a school that was closed or had reduced attendance or hours for at least 5 consecutive days.

Please be patient with us as a lot of information needs to be collected, reviewed, and submitted to the state for approval and issuance. P-EBT benefits are different as previous issuance.

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- School aged children (ages 6-18/grades K-12) approved for free or reduced-price meals during the 2020-2021 school year.
  - Example: 5-year-old student in grade K will be approved: 5-year-old student in Pre-K program will not be
  - Example: 18-year-old student in 12th grade- approved: 18-year-old student graduated- will not be
- Children under the age of 6 in SNAP households only are eligible and will be automatically issued by the Department of Human Services (DHS).
- New Jersey benefits have only been approved for the months of September 2020-June 2021.
- Benefits will begin to reach families beginning/middle of August 2021.

**BENEFITS:**
New Jersey approved P-EBT plan includes a two-tiered benefit amount for virtual or hybrid learning based on a student’s individual attendance status for the month of reporting. Benefit amounts are determined by your child’s school attendance for every month September-June.

- Virtual benefit level $122.76 per month.
- Hybrid benefit level $61.38 per month.
- Children may receive different amounts for each month based on attendance.
  - Example: If your child attended school virtually for majority of one month- they will receive the virtual benefit amount of $122.76 for that month. If that child, then attended hybrid for majority of another month- they will then receive the hybrid benefit amount of $61.38 for that month.
CARDS:
• To use your P-EBT benefits, you must first activate your card by calling 1.800.997.3333
• Department of Human Services identifies active children in SNAP households and directly loads their benefits to the households existing EBT card.
• Non-SNAP families will receive new cards.
• Cards are mailed to the mailing address that is provided by you on your Genesis parent portal.
• Cards will only have ONE child’s name on them.
  ➢ Multiple benefits for multiple children can be on one card.
  ➢ PIN is the DOB of the child named on the card received.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY CARD?
• P-EBT benefits, like SNAP, can be used online and at any participating retailers or you can visit www.NJSNAP.gov for more information.
• Please go to www.NJFamiliesFirst.com to create an account to view your balance and transaction history or call NJ EBT customer service at 1.800.997.3333
• If you forgot your PIN, your care has been lost, stolen or damaged, you can change your pin or report card issues online at www.NJFamiliesFirst.com or by calling NJ EBT customer service at 1.800.997.3333.
• If you are not interested in using your P-EBT benefits, please destroy your card or mail it to the address on the back of the card.
• P-EBT benefits are non-transferrable and can NOT be used by another person.
• For replacement cards please contact the County Board of Social Services at www.NJSNAP.gov

Please do NOT contact your child(ren)’s school for information regarding their attendance or benefit amount as they can not provide you with this information. All other questions or concerns can be emailed to Maryam.Arnold@SBSchools.org. Please include your child(ren)s name and school ID # in your email.

Thank you,

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For more information about P-EBT benefits,
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