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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to notify you that the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260) provides for the extension of additional nutritional supplements, called Pandemic EBT benefits, for your student(s). These benefits come through the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) from the USDA. The program provides \$6.82 per student per day depending on your school or school district's remote learning model during the current school year (September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021).

If you are already receiving SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or if you have received P-EBT benefits in the past, you do not need to do anything. The extra benefits will be added automatically to your EBT Account. If you do not already have an EBT account, you will receive a preloaded P-EBT card in the mail.

DHHS will receive a list of eligible students from the Department of Education. If you did not complete an application for free or reduced price school meals with your school, you will not be on the list and that means you will not be eligible for P-EBT. If you believe you would qualify through your school for free or reduced price meals, apply immediately. Once found eligible, you can then apply for P-EBT. You can do this by going to <https://nheasy.nh.gov> and clicking on the apple P-EBT icon. You must have your *Notice of Eligibility Determination for Meal Benefits* from your school ready to upload with your application. If your P-EBT application is approved, you will receive an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card to purchase food.

You can use the EBT card to buy fresh, frozen or canned food. Some of the things you can buy are milk and dairy products, fruits and vegetables, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, cereal, rice and pasta. Go to <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/foodstamps/index.htm> to find what you can and cannot buy with your P-EBT benefits.

Sincerely,

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Encl: P-EBT Informational Flyer