



Lincoln Park

Performing Arts Charter School

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Dear LPPACS Family:

The Wolf Administration had received approval from the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a plan to provide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to students who are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals at school through the National School Lunch Program. This program, known as Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT), will be temporary and is designed to bridge the gap left by schools closing and help families who may have strained resources due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A family's benefit will be determined based off the federal reimbursement rate for the daily rate of free school breakfasts and lunches, or approximately \$5.70 per child. This benefit will be calculated for the remainder of the school year, leading to an approximate benefit of \$370.50 per child if they were receiving free or reduced-price school meals when school closures began. Now that the program is approved, benefits will begin to be issued to qualifying families within approximately 15 business days.

If you are eligible to receive free or reduced lunch and have had an address change since the start of the school year please contact the school to update this information to ensure that you receive your P-EBT benefits.

If a family's economic situation has changed since school closures began, they can still apply for the National School Lunch Program and, if determined eligible, receive P-EBT benefits. Families can apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us.

Sincerely,

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