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On May 8, 2020, the Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD) sent a communication to all the School Food Authorities regarding the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Program. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act authorized P-EBT to address food insecurity by allowing the State to provide food assistance benefits to help students in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program during extended school closures. The School Food Authorities sent data to the DHS/DFD for students in your District that were approved for free and reduced lunch **on or before March 18, 2020**. On behalf of the three state agencies – the departments of Agriculture, Education and Human Services – working on this project, I want to thank all of you who have already submitted that data.

To further assist New Jersey families, the DHS/DFD is now looking at the potential of providing these benefits to students determined eligible for free and reduced lunch **after March 18, 2020**. Please complete this brief [two-question survey](#) that will provide the DHS/DFD with information that we need to plan for this potential second round. Please complete the survey by **June 24, 2020**.

Please note, in accordance to P.L. 116-127 - Section 1101(e) of the federal law which authorizes the Pandemic-EBT program, contains a provision which allows for the disclosure of student information to those officials responsible for the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In New Jersey, the DHS/DFD is the agency responsible for SNAP.

The NJ Department of Human Services thanks you for your continued dedication to your students and to all children in New Jersey.