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Subject: Updated Information on Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Food Assistance

Dear Chief School Administrators,

Last month, the Department of Human Services began distributing P-EBT benefits for the 2020- 2021 school year based on the student information submitted by the School Food Authorities (SFAs) as of July 10th. Many SFAs have submitted and continue to submit the necessary information through the P-EBT portal on [MyNewJersey](#). Please note that the next deadline to submit files is **August 10, 2021**. Files submitted by August 10 will be used to issue benefits in August and September. The final deadline to submit any pending files from the 2020-2021 academic school year is **September 10, 2021**. Districts are encouraged to begin uploading information now to ensure meeting the required deadlines.

We are excited to share that New Jersey has now received federal approval to issue Summer P- EBT benefits. On July 21, 2021, the New Jersey Department of Human Services held a webinar for SFAs regarding the information needed to issue these benefits to eligible students in their school district. Students eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals as of the end of the 2020-2021 academic school year, and those who are determined eligible over the summer, are now able to receive an additional \$375 in P-EBT benefits. All files of student data, including for Summer P-EBT benefits, **must be uploaded to the MyNewJersey portal by September 10, 2021 at 5:00p.m.**

If your SFA has not submitted student information, we urge schools to submit student files as soon as possible to ensure that eligible families can start receiving their P-EBT benefits. If you are unsure if your school district is eligible, please have your SFA refer to the P-EBT materials available on [SNEARS](#). School officials may contact the dedicated school resource email address at dfdnjsnap.schoolpebt@dhs.nj.gov with any questions.

Thank you for your continued partnership and efforts to ensure that eligible New Jersey children receive this critical food assistance. We know these benefits provide food security to so many New Jerseyans during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah M. Adelman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sarah" being the most prominent.

Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Human Services

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.S.". The signature is cursive and includes the initials "Ed.S." at the end.

Angelica Allen-McMillan, Acting Commissioner
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