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Subject: Update and Final Deadline for Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Food Assistance

**Important Information for Schools Participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP)**

Dear Chief School Administrators:

In July 2021, the Department of Human Services (DHS) began distributing P-EBT benefits for the 2020-2021 academic year based on the student information submitted by the School Food Authorities (SFAs) as of July 10, 2021. Many NSLP- or SBP-participating SFAs have submitted and continue to submit the necessary information through the P-EBT portal on [MyNewJersey](#).

Please note that the *final deadline* to submit any pending files from the 2020-2021 academic year and summer 2021 is **September 10, 2021**. If information is not submitted by this deadline, eligible students in your schools will not receive P-EBT benefits for the 2020-2021 academic year, including summer P-EBT. NSLP- and SBP-participating SFAs are strongly encouraged to begin uploading information as soon as possible to ensure meeting the required deadlines.

As a reminder, Summer P-EBT is for students eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals through the NSLP or SBP as of the end of the 2020-2021 academic school year and those who are determined eligible over the summer. These students are now able to receive an additional \$375 one-time allotment in P-EBT benefits. Summer P-EBT benefits will begin to be issued in September for students whose data was received by August 10, 2021.

All files of student data, including for summer P-EBT benefits, *must be uploaded to the MyNewJersey portal by September 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.*

If your SFA has not submitted the necessary student information, the relevant student files should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure that eligible families can start receiving their P-EBT benefits. If your district/school does not participate in the NSLP or SBP, the

district/school is not eligible and does not need to submit any information. If you are unsure if your district/school 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 [dfdjnsnap.schoolpebt@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:dfdjnsnap.schoolpebt@dhs.nj.gov) with any questions. Families and parents are alternatively encouraged to visit the DHS website at [www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/pebt.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/pebt.shtml) for more information.

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 many New Jerseyans during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah M. Adelman".

Sarah Adelman, Acting Commissioner  
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Angelica Allen-McMillan, Acting Commissioner  
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