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**PGCPS Free Summer Meals Program to Continue Through
End of 2020 Following USDA Extensions**

Children 18 years of age or younger eligible for free meals through program

PRINCE GEORGE, Va. - Prince George County Public Schools' Summer Meals Program will continue through the end of the calendar year [following action by the United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) late last month that extended several flexibilities to program operators, allowing them to continue serving free meals to children into the fall months.

Through these nationwide waivers, PGCPS will be able to serve meals at all of the district's schools at no cost to families. Both breakfast and lunch will be available free of charge for children 18 years of age and younger through December 31, 2020.

For our elementary students, breakfast and lunch will be provided at stations in their school's hallway for students to "Grab-N-Go" to take back to their classrooms. Friday's meals will be given to children on Thursday afternoon to take home for Friday. Secondary students will continue to travel through their school's serving and snack line with physical distancing measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19. All pin pads are now electronic and items will be provided to students at the cashier, allowing for a fully contactless experience for students and staff.

For families of 100% Virtual-Remote Learning students, PGCPS Food and Nutrition Services will provide meals to those families **beginning Friday, September 18**. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and children 18 years of age or younger are eligible for the program. Children do not have to attend a Prince George County school to qualify. In order to participate, families must sign up via the [100% Virtual Learner Meal Pick-Up Form](#) **weekly by the Wednesday prior to the Friday pick-up**. Families are asked to select the school that is closest to them to pick up their meals as it aids in preparing the correct amount of meals to serve students. We will offer a "Grab-N-Go" service at each of our school cafeterias on **Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The meals will be available for pick-up on a first come, first

served basis at each of our schools and families are encouraged to bring a tote bag with them to collect their meals.

The 100% Virtual Learner Meal Pick-Up Form is available on the district's website and PGCPS Food and Nutrition Services' website (<http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1464113827674>).

“As pointed out by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, as our county joins the rest of the nation in reopening and returning to work and school, it remains vitally important that the children in our community continue to receive healthy and nutritious meals,” **PGCPS Division Superintendent Dr. Lisa Pennycuff said**. “We are pleased by the USDA’s actions that will allow us to extend our Summer Meals Program into the fall so we can continue to provide free meals to our children.”

Families with questions can contact Prince George County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services Coordinator Lana Pearce at 804-733-2710.