

Candace V. Morell
Superintendent

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Dear Mansfield Families:

We are writing in regard to the interruption of SNAP benefits, due to the federal government shut down. As of November 1st, SNAP (food stamps) benefits will not be issued, and we want to reassure that **the District Food Service program and the Town's Human Services Department is prepared to support our students and their families during this difficult time.**

Please note that the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Program continues without interruption and these services remain fully funded and available to all who participate now and in the future. Students who have qualified by an approved application or by direct certification will continue to receive free or reduced meals each day.

We are committed to ensuring each student has access to nutrition daily. *Per district policy, students may charge one breakfast and one lunch meal each day, regardless of their account balance.*

Mansfield Families can apply or reapply for free/reduced meals at any time throughout the school year:

- Use this [link](#) to apply online
- Contact foodserve@mansfieldct.org or call 860-429-7824 if you would like an application or need help completing the application

Additional support can be found through:

- [Access Agency](#) in Willimantic
- <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/1896/Food-Programs> Mansfield Human Services Department
- [Covenant Soup Kitchen](#) in Willimantic
- [United Way's 211](#) hotline and website

At this time families are still encouraged to apply for SNAP benefits so when the funding is available again they will be ready to receive assistance. Pregnant women and their children under age 5 may qualify for WIC, (another supplemental nutrition assistance program). [Access Agency](#) can help folks with accessing these programs and possibly other support as well.

If you are interested in helping your neighbors - you can donate to town programs.

- Here is a [link](#) to the Town's Human Service wish list
- The Food Service office can accept donations to the unpaid meal charges fund in the form of cash or check only. The office is located in the Mansfield Town Hall, 4 South Eagleville Rd.

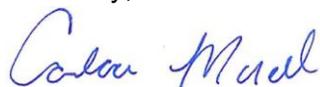
Questions or Concerns:

We welcome your feedback and we are happy to help. If you have any questions about accessing assistance or your student's meal account, or free/ reduced status, please don't hesitate to contact us at Mansfield Public Schools Food Service Department 860-429-7824 or foodserv@mansfieldct.org.

We also encourage you to reach out to the social workers at your child's school if you need additional services.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to serving your family throughout the rest of the school year.

Sincerely,



Candace Morell
Superintendent
Mansfield Public Schools



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