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Food Service Director

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Hello Mansfield & E.O. Smith Families,

I'd like to thank you all for continuing to support our meal distribution operation these last couple months. To date we have served 15,500 meals to over 100 families! I'd also like to thank all those who submitted their comments and photos for School Lunch Hero Day on May 1st. My staff enjoyed reading them and I will continue to share your well wishes with them.

I apologize for the length of this communication, but I ask that you please read thoroughly. I am writing today with an important change to our meal distribution operation as well as information regarding student meal accounts now that we know we won't be back in school buildings for the rest of the year.

Meal Distribution

- On Monday May 11th we will be transitioning our meal distribution operation to 5 bus routes running on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On these days, buses will depart from Mansfield Middle School at 12 noon and return to the middle school by 1 PM.
- The **only** distribution site that will remain open will be Mansfield Middle School 12 noon to 1 PM. All are welcome to utilize this site, even if you haven't been receiving meals from us but would like to start.
- If you received an email from Food Service Director Stephanie Richard around 10:46 AM yesterday, 5/7/20, your household is already included on a route.
- If you DID NOT receive an email and you DO NOT normally attend a meal distribution site, and would like to be included on a route, please email foodserve@mansfieldct.org.
- We ask that you PLEASE practice social distancing when approaching the buses, especially at larger group stops.
- We are making this change to better support temperature regulation as the weather warms up, in addition, for the possibility of expanding service to include weekend meals as well. We will communicate again when that will begin.

Who can receive meals? Any child, 18 years old and younger. Meals are FREE and any child is eligible, regardless of free/reduced/paid status.

What are we offering? We are offering a large variety of cold bagged meals and reheat at home meals. We are operating using ONLY sunbutter, peanut butter is not used in production in the kitchen at all.

Site/Bus Number	Approximate Route*
Mansfield Middle School	Front entrance, M, W, Th 12-1 PM
Bus 1	Browns Rd, "Mansfield General Store", Warrentville Rd, Mulberry Rd, Woods Edge Apts (entrance), South Bedlam Rd, Bassetts Bridge Rd
Bus 2	Clear View Dr, Beech Mountain Rd, Britony Dr, Puddin Ln, Mansfield City Rd, Meadowbrook Ln, Pollack Rd, Eastbrook Heights (entrance), North Frontage Rd, Ash St, Foster Dr, Storrs Rd
Bus 3	Carlton Rd, Maple Rd, Knollwood Apts, Bone Mill Rd, Holilnko Apts (near entrance), Cedar Swamp Rd, Storrs Rd, Rendwood Apts (mailboxes), Stafford Rd
Bus 4	Stafford Rd, Mansfield City Rd, White Oak Rd, Jonathan Ln, Browns Rd, Candide Ln, Stearns Rd, Highland Rd, Woods Rd, Thornbush Rd, Old Kent Rd, Stafford Rd, Browns Rd, Fern Rd, Stafford Rd
Bus 5	Storrs Rd (firehouse), Chaffeeville Rd, Gurleyville Rd, Holly Dr, Middle Tpke,

*Buses leave MMS at noon. Roadways are listed in the order of the route stops

We will communicate at what point the meal service will end in conjunction with the end of the school year as federal guidelines have not yet been announced for school districts that do not normally operate summer feeding programs.

Student Meal Accounts/School Meal Status

- All positive balances will carry forward to the following school year. If your student is in 8th grade and is not continuing to E.O. Smith, or if they are a senior and you need a balance refund, you can request one by emailing food services.
- If you need to make a payment you can do so online or by mailing a check (Mansfield Food Services) to the Board of Education office, attn: Food Services. Families have also turned in payments to school secretaries and our distribution staff who are out at sites/on buses.
- Any student who qualified for free or reduced lunch between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 will carry their free or reduced status through the first 30 school days of next school year. Direct certification and meal application procedures will continue as normal when the 2020-2021 information comes out after July 1, 2020.
- If you would like to transfer balances between siblings, grades K-12, we can do that also!

- Lastly, we are always accepting donations. If you'd rather donate than request a refund let us know and we'll transfer funds to our donation accounts.

Additional Support From the Town of Mansfield

- If you'd like to receive additional food support through meal kits due to food insecurity as a result of COVID-19, please let Youth Services know Yes! by emailing YSB@mansfieldct.org.
- The animal control office is offering a pet food pantry for Mansfield pets in need. To request dog and cat food call 860-487-0137 to arrange pick up or delivery.

Please reach out to Food Service Director Stephanie Richard for any suggestions, comments, concerns, donations, dietary, or delivery needs. The best method of contact is email at foodserve@mansfieldct.org.

Sincerely,
Mansfield Public School Food Services