

## **Free Meals for ALL G-C CSC Students beginning 9/11/2020**

The G-C Department of Food Services has wonderful news to share! Thanks to a nationwide waiver from the USDA, we have the fortunate opportunity to extend free meal benefits to all students in our school corporation. All enrolled (on-site or virtual) students can purchase one breakfast and/or one lunch per school day **FREE OF CHARGE** effective immediately for an extended period of time. Meals will be accumulated on your student's account and pricing shown as \$0.00. Families will be notified when this waiver is set to expire and meals will have to be paid for again.

### **What do you have to do?**

Absolutely nothing! The Department of Food Services will ensure that all students purchasing meals are receiving this benefit. In the coming days, we will be refunding purchases for qualified Paid and Reduced price breakfasts and lunches to student cafeteria balances for purchases made September 1 through September 10.

### **Does your child still need their meal account?**

Students wishing to purchase a la carte items that are not considered to be part of the regular reimbursable meal will still need available funds to purchase those items. Money can still be deposited to your student(s) meal account via cash/check deposit at school or through EZ School Pay. If families would like to request a refund or transfer of funds in accounts, you can do so by completing our online form [HERE](#).

### **What if your child attends school virtually? Do the meal kits qualify as free?**

Families with virtually enrolled or high school hybrid students can order meal kits at predetermined pick up times. Each meal kit is free of charge. The order form for virtual only students can be found [HERE](#).

### **Do you still need to complete a Free/Reduced meal application if you think you qualify?**

This program is currently only in effect until December 31, 2020, or until funding is depleted. After that date, student eligibility status will revert back to either Paid, Free, or Reduced. If you were approved for Free/Reduced, that status remains in effect for the entire school year. Textbook assistance will still require a student to qualify for Free/Reduced via the meal application in order to qualify for assistance.

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We highly encourage students to take advantage of the free meals at all G-C Schools! Breakfast is available each day and is a great start to everyone's morning. Also, a variety of entrées, fruits, and vegetables are available for lunch each day.

Our fully trained staff have made the necessary modifications to the way our food is served to ensure that our students are safe and continue to make the school cafeteria a positive part of the students' school day.