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Aloha parents and guardians,

We are pleased to announce that the Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) and the Hawai'i Department of Human Services (DHS) will be providing temporary food purchasing assistance to families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals due to the impact of school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the 2019-20 school year, eligible families were provided Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) School Meal Replacement Benefits of up to \$360 per child due to school closures in March, April and May. This school year, families are eligible to receive up to \$225 per child for the months of August and September.

There is no application specifically for P-EBT. Any child or family who qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals for the current 2020-21 school year will automatically be eligible for P-EBT. HIDOE will provide the eligibility information to DHS, who will distribute the P-EBT cards via mail.

If you have already been qualified for free and reduced-price school meals for this school year and you have no changes to your mailing address, no action is needed and your P-EBT card will automatically be mailed to you. Children who attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school and direct-certification students will automatically be qualified for this program.

For families that are eligible but have not yet applied for free and reduced-price school meals, or for families that need to update their address, please note the following deadlines:

- **Sept. 15:** Deadline for hard copy free and reduced-price school meal applications. Please contact your school for a hard copy application.
- **Sept. 15:** Deadline for eligible families to submit primary address changes to the school. Please contact your school for assistance.
- **Sept. 21:** Deadline for online free and reduced-price school meal applications. Access the online application at EZMealApp.com.

For any questions about updating your address, please contact your school directly. For any questions about the P-EBT program, please visit <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov> or contact DHS at hi.pebt@dhs.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynda Galera".

Lynda Galera
Principal