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CSD Families,

The State of Vermont will be issuing Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) cards to help with students' food costs over the summer months. P-EBT benefits are funds provided on an electronic benefit transfer card that a household may use to purchase food items at grocery stores, convenience stores, online retailers and farmers markets where 3SquaresVT (SNAP) benefits are accepted. For families receiving 3SquaresVT, P-EBT benefits will be added to existing EBT cards. Families who have already received a P-EBT card this school year will have the Summer P-EBT benefit added to their existing card. For other families, you will receive a special P-EBT card from the Vermont Department for Children and Families for students who qualify. Households will receive a one-time allotment of \$375 per eligible student. The Summer P-EBT benefit will be issued in late July 2021.

Eligibility for the benefit depends on a child's eligibility for free and reduced school meals. All children are able to receive free meals this year due to special COVID-19 waivers obtained by the State. **To receive the P-EBT benefit, however, students must either have an approved free and reduced meal application on file or have been directly certified for free school meals.** Students may be directly certified for free meals if the household received 3SquaresVT or Reach Up benefits or because the student is state-placed foster, migrant, homeless, runaway or participates in a Head Start program.

For households who have already received the P-EBT benefit this year, there is nothing more that you need to do, unless you would like to update your mailing address or head of household. In that case, send email to cathy.ward@colchestersd.org or call (802) 264-5985.

If you are not already qualified for free and reduced price meals, you may still submit a free and reduced meal application now to see if you are eligible for the Summer P-EBT benefit. You can apply online at www.myschoolapps.com. The 2020-2021 income eligibility guidelines are posted [here](#).

To find out more about P-EBT benefits, visit the Department for Children and Families website: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/covid19/P-EBT>.

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