

Dear Croton-Harmon Families,

As our schools reopen on Monday and we await the arrival of our students, I wanted to share with you important details on our 2020-21 Child Nutrition Program. As we've stated in our various reopening plan presentations, food services, just like school operations, will look a little different this year. Most of our CET and PVC students will be receiving lunch in their classrooms while CHHS students will be served in the Cafeteria and Rotunda/Aux Gym with all settings designed for social distancing. For our Remote Learners, we will have meals available for pickup at PVC between 1:30 pm and 2 pm, Monday through Friday.

Our menu offerings have been simplified, items will be pre-packaged for easy pickup or delivery and we will be using a [pre-ordering system](#) for our remote students. Of course, all of our menus follow National School Lunch Program guidelines and though we will begin with very limited selections, it is our hope to diversify menu offerings as soon as we can safely implement them.

Another noteworthy development is that federal and state authorities are now allowing Districts to temporarily serve free meals to all students until December 31, 2020. This provides valuable nutritional support to our students as well as financial relief for families. Meals will be provided at no cost at this time but this decision is subject to change at the federal government's discretion. Therefore, we strongly suggest that any family requiring financial assistance complete the [Application for Free & Reduced Meals](#) as usual and submit it by September 30. This will enable a student to participate in the Free & Reduced lunch offering, as eligible, when the free meal allowance ends. Please note that though free meals will be covered for the time being, this applies to standard meals only; any snacks and additional beverages are excluded.

We encourage you to visit our [Child Nutrition webpage](#) which provides [menus](#) and details for all school buildings, such as the [pre-order forms](#), assistance with qualifying for [Free & Reduced meals](#), and information on [My School Bucks](#) with [video tutorials](#) to assist.

If your child has any special dietary needs, please feel free to contact Eric Nickelson, our Aramark Food Services Director at child.nutrition@chufsd.org or 271-2191 ext 2690. However, any medical or food allergy information should be provided immediately to your building's school nurse.

Lastly, though you may not be as familiar with your child's student ID number as they are, you will need to include this when using the [pre-order forms](#) or accessing your [MySchoolBucks](#) account. To access your child's student number, please log in to [Infinite Campus](#), our new student portal.

We look forward to the gradual return of our students and their connecting and reuniting with our school community and one another.

Warm regards,

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