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Plainfield Community,

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFRA) (P.L. 116-127) included authorization for a program called Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) that seeks to address food insecurity by allowing a state to provide food assistance benefits to help students during extended school closures who received free/reduced meals.

The Plainfield Public Schools has recently provided the NJ Dept. of Human Services with a list of all students in this category.

Therefore, all parents/guardians should anticipate that the information will be dispensed to them from NJDHS <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/index.shtml>.

UPDATE FROM STATE OF NJ (<http://state.nj.us/nj/gov>)

P-EBT benefits for the 2020-2021 school year have been issued for students receiving free- or reduced-price school meals and attending schools with a remote learning schedule of at least 5 consecutive days. Most families with an existing SNAP Families First EBT card will have already received their benefits on their card. For non-SNAP recipients and certain SNAP recipients, P-EBT cards were mailed October 12, 2020. This benefit is not available for students whose school is conducting classes in-person or a hybrid of in-person and remote. There was an error in the telephone number on some P-EBT cards. If you received a card with the incorrect phone number, look for a new card in the mail starting the week of October 26, 2020. You can also access your benefits by calling 1-800-997-3333 to activate the card you received. Only share personal information with staff who answer the phone at this number. We apologize for the inconvenience.