

District Programs supporting children & families in need

OPERATION SCHOOL BELL ~ Assistance League of the Eastside

Financial hardship can affect *any* family. We help students in need right here in our community by holding shopping events at Fred Meyer stores and inviting children pre-selected by personnel from the Bellevue, Lake Washington, and Northshore school districts. Our funds let these kids shop for new clothes, shoes, and coats. It is our belief that new school clothing will contribute to a child's self-esteem and successful school experience.

Please contact me if this is a resource that you need to access.

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Pantry Packs powered by the Lake Washington Schools Foundation provides weekend food packs for Food-insecure LWSD students *each week*

When kids don't get enough to eat, they can't concentrate and they can't learn. Teachers tell of students excited to be at school on Mondays because they can eat there through federal programs. But these same children in the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) often go hungry on weekends or during school breaks.

Student food support during Covid-19:

Here is new information that we have about other food support for students.

- LWSD is able to now provide its student meals for free for all children 1-18 through fall -- this is a recent change from an earlier announcement that meal fees would resume. See the LWSD [Grab & Go Student Meals](#) page for details; meal pickups are Tuesday and Thursdays at six middle schools. At this time, weekend meals will not be provided by LWSD as they were in May-August; however, we are hopeful that the USDA waiver will soon allow resumption of those weekend meals.
- The application deadline for the [Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program \(P-EBT\)](#) has been **extended to Friday, September 11**: A one-time food voucher available to families with children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals through the school they attend. Families with children eligible for free and reduced-price meals may be able to receive as much as **\$399 per child** with this benefit. This benefit does not consider immigration status and is not subject to the Public Charge Rule. For more information [please review these training materials](#).
- [Hopelink](#) is providing meal boxes for pickup or delivery by arrangement. The organization has relaxed some of its application requirements during the pandemic, making it easier for families to get help.