

Subject: Application for Summer Meals Support

Dear Millbrook Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. As we approach the summer season, it's important to remember that for many families in our community, this time of year brings additional challenges, especially when it comes to putting nutritious meals on the table. As you may have already heard, through the hard work and collaboration between the Central Office Administration and our Interim Food Service Director, Debra Donleavy, we have been able to secure summer meals (breakfast and lunch) for all of our students attending the Summer Scholars Program. In addition to this great opportunity, we would like to extend support to as many members of our educational community as possible.

The EBT program allows eligible families to receive assistance to purchase food items, ensuring that they have access to the nutrition they need to thrive. The EBT program plays a crucial role in providing essential support to families facing food insecurity. However, in order to receive these benefits, it is essential for families to undergo an income verification process which begins with filling out a form and submitting it to the Superintendent's Office. All information obtained throughout this process is confidential and only used for the purpose of submitting your application.

In an effort to help as many families as possible in preparation for Summer 2024, we are sharing this reminder and a link to the income verification form here. We need this form back no later than the close of business June 28, 2024 in order for the School District to facilitate your application. Any applications after this date, must be submitted directly to New York State. The completed forms can be dropped off in the Superintendent's Office located at Millbrook Middle School. By verifying their income, qualified families can ensure uninterrupted access to EBT benefits, including support for summer meals. This is particularly important as we strive to support those who may be facing financial hardship or uncertainty during these challenging times. Even if you are not sure that you qualify, there is no harm in applying. It only takes a few minutes and can provide hundreds of dollars in financial relief to your household.

Your participation in this campaign is vital to its success. By spreading the word and encouraging eligible families to verify their income, you can help ensure that every member of our community has access to the resources they need to stay healthy and nourished this summer.

Here are a few ways you can support this initiative:

- 1. Share information about the income verification campaign with your friends, family, and neighbors.
- 2. Encourage eligible families to participate in the verification process by providing them with information and resources.
- 3. Offer support and assistance to those who may need help navigating the verification process.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of families in need. By working together as a community, we can ensure that no one goes hungry this summer.

Thank you for your support and dedication to making our community a better place for all.

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Sincerely,

Debra Donleavy, Interim Food Service Director