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Dear IPS Families,

Ionia Public Schools (IPS) is proud to partner with the USDA and MDE to provide free breakfast and lunch for all IPS students each school day during the 2025-2026 school year! The great news is that ALL students enrolled in IPS can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at no charge to your household each day.

In order to ensure that our District qualifies for a variety of supplemental funding and programs, **we need your household to fill out and sign the Educational Benefit Form; please go to <https://ionia.familyportal.cloud/> and then click on *Apply for Benefits* and then follow the steps.** This report is critical in determining the amount of money that our District receives from State and Federal supplemental programs like Title IA, At-risk (3 la), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional learning for staff
- Parent and community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

All information on the report submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the attached report, our schools cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds. Thank you for your support as we work to give all students the best potential to succeed and learn through nutrition.

Please contact our Food Service Department at hsyrek@ioniaschools.org, jnye@ioniaschools.org , or (616) 527-1731 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Gurk

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Benjamin Gurk'.

Superintendent