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October 31, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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I am writing to any local families who are receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

Benefits loaded to your Families First EBT card before October 31, 2025, will be available for use after November 1, 2025. Before going to the grocery store after November 1st, we encourage SNAP food assistance recipients to check their account at NJFamiliesFirst.com or by calling 800-997-3333. If there are SNAP benefits in your NJ Families First account, they are available for you to use.

Please note that you may receive eligibility notices, and your MyNJHelps case summary may show that you are eligible for November benefits. Even though you may receive an eligibility notice and the benefits show in your case summary, if the federal shutdown continues, November 2025 SNAP benefits will not be posted to your Families First EBT card on time.

SNAP applications and recertifications will be processed during the federal government shutdown. If you receive SNAP benefits, you are urged to continue to submit the requested information to ensure you get your benefits when federal SNAP funding becomes available.

While these changes are beyond the school district's control, we understand that any change in household benefits can have a financial impact on families. We want to ensure that you are informed and connected to available supports.

**What this could mean for you:**

- Families currently receiving NJ SNAP may see a change in their monthly benefit amount.
- SNAP eligibility may also affect your child's eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program.
- The district will continue to provide meals to all eligible students in accordance with current state and federal guidelines.



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**What you can do:**

- If your family has not yet submitted a Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for the 2025–2026 school year, please complete one as soon as possible (see top of this email).
- If you have questions about your NJ SNAP benefits, contact your County Board of Social Services or visit the NJ SNAP website at <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/>.
- If your family experiences hardship, please reach out to your school counselor or to our [student services department](#), who can connect you with local food pantries and community resources.

Our district is committed to supporting students and families through this transition and ensuring that no child goes without the nutrition they need to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Brian Brotschul, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools