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BIG SPRING ISD WILL SERVE UP GOOD NUTRITION FOR LOCAL CHILDREN THIS SUMMER.
Bringing healthy summer meals to HOWARD COUNTY children ensures kids have a healthy vacation and return to school ready to learn.

Big Spring, Tx - This summer, BIG SPRING ISD will connect children 18 and younger and enrolled student with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no cost summer meals. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). For the children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out for the long summer vacation.

"Big Spring children need good nutrition year-round so they can learn, grow and succeed in life," said Jeff Perez, Asst. Superintendent. "With nearly 2 million food insecure children living in Texas, these healthy meals are vital to nourishing young Texans during the summer vacation."

Serving: Junior High and Washington Elementary Schools. June 1-25, 2026. Monday-Thursday. Breakfast 7:30-8:00 am Lunch 12:00-12:30 pm

BIG SPRING ISD is one of the is one of the nonprofit organizations partnering with TDA to serve meals across Texas. Families are encouraged to use these three tools to find a meal site anywhere in the state:

- Call 2-1-1 to speak to a live operator
- Visit www.SummerFood.org for an interactive site locator map
- Text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304

Organizations partner with TDA to serve meals in areas where more than 50 percent of children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program. Eligible sponsoring organizations include schools, faith-based groups, nonprofit summer camps, government agencies and other tax-exempt organizations. All meal sites must be sponsored by an organization that has a contract with TDA.

Summer meal sites help children succeed by providing the nourishment they need to return to school in the fall ready to thrive.

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BIG SPRING ISD SERVIRÁ UNA BUENA NUTRICIÓN PARA LOS NIÑOS LOCALES ESTE VERANO.

Llevar comidas saludables de verano a los niños de HOWARD COUNTY asegura que los niños tengan unas vacaciones saludables y regresen a la escuela listos para aprender.

Big Spring,Tx – Este verano, BIG SPRING ISD conectará a los niños de 18 años o menos y a los estudiantes matriculados con discapacidades de hasta 21 años con comidas de verano saludables y sin costo. El Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de Verano (SFSP) es un programa de nutrición del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos administrado en el Estado de Texas por el Departamento de Agricultura de Texas (TDA). Para los niños que dependen de las comidas escolares durante el año académico, estas comidas ofrecen una fuente de buena nutrición cuando la escuela está fuera para las largas vacaciones de verano.

“Big Spring los niños necesitan una buena nutrición todo el año para que puedan aprender, crecer y tener éxito en la vida”, dijo Jeff Perex, Asst. Superintendent. “Con casi 2 millones de niños con inseguridad alimentaria que viven en Texas, estas comidas saludables son vitales para alimentar a los jóvenes tejanos durante las vacaciones de verano”.

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BIG SPRING ISD es una de las organizaciones sin fines de lucro que se asocian con TDA para servir comidas en todo Texas. Se anima a las familias a usar estas tres herramientas para encontrar un sitio de comida en cualquier parte del estado:

- Llame al 2-1-1 para hablar con un operador en vivo
- Visite www.SummerFood.org para obtener un mapa interactivo del localizador de sitios
- Envíe un mensaje de texto a FOOD o COMIDA al 304-304

Las organizaciones se asocian con TDA para servir comidas en áreas donde más del 50 por ciento de los niños son elegibles para comidas gratis o a precio reducido en el Programa Nacional de Almuerzo Escolar. Las organizaciones patrocinadoras elegibles incluyen escuelas, grupos basados en la fe, campamentos de verano sin fines de lucro, agencias gubernamentales y otras organizaciones exentas de impuestos. Todos los sitios de comidas deben ser patrocinados por una organización que tiene un contrato con TDA.

Los sitios de comidas de verano ayudan a los niños a tener éxito al proporcionarles la nutrición que necesitan para regresar a la escuela en el otoño listos para prosperar.

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Proclamation

Healthy Summer Meals for Kids



WHEREAS, Summertime should be about children enjoying all that Texas has to offer, from farm fresh foods to our state's natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, When school is out for summer, kids who count on eating meals at school might not otherwise have access to all the nutrition they need to be active and healthy; and

WHEREAS, One in four Texas children faces food insecurity, and Summer Food Service Program meals provide an important source of good nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Summer Food Service Program meal sites also provide Texas children with a place to spend time with friends and stay active; and

WHEREAS, Summer meals can help children stay healthy and prepare them to return to school ready to learn and thrive; and

WHEREAS, By increasing awareness of free summer meals through community outreach, adding new meal sites, expanding existing sites in underserved areas, and investing in summer programming to attract more kids to meal sites, Big Spring Texas can increase access to summer meals in the Summer Food Service Program; and

WHEREAS, Big Spring ISD is committed to making sure no child goes hungry this summer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jeff Perez do hereby proclaim Big Spring ISD a Healthy Summer Meals for Kids Community and call upon citizens and partner organizations to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies to acknowledge these efforts.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 05/18/2026