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Governor Wentworth Regional School District

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Helping Each Child Create the Future

September 12, 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to inform you that beginning this school year, your child(ren) may be eligible to receive **free school meals** through the Governor Wentworth Regional School District's Expanded Meal Eligibility Program. This expansion was approved by GWRSD taxpayers in March 2026.

The district's Expanded Meal Eligibility Program is **separate from and independent of the federal National School Lunch Program**. Under the district's expanded guidelines, students in households with income up to **300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)** may now be eligible to receive free school meals, regardless of their previous eligibility status under the federal program.

What's New at Governor Wentworth Regional School District for 2026–2027

- Families with household incomes **up to 300% of the FPL** may now qualify for **free school meals** through the district's expanded program.
- This expanded benefit is specific to the **Governor Wentworth Regional School District** and is funded through district funds approved by the taxpayers.
- If your child(ren) qualified for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program when you completed the **2026–2027 USDA Household Application for Free & Reduced-Price School Meals**, your child(ren) will automatically qualify for free meals under the district's expanded program beginning November 3rd.
- If you did not complete the **2026–2027 USDA Household Application for Free & Reduced-Price School Meals**, or if your child(ren) did not qualify under the federal program, you **must** submit the **Governor Wentworth Regional School District Expanded Meals Eligibility Application (School Year 2026–2027)** to determine whether your household qualifies under the district's expanded guidelines.

Income Guidelines – 2026–2027 School Year

Below are the estimated **annual household income limits at 300% of the FPL**, based on the 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income (300% FPL)
1	\$47,880
2	\$64,920
3	\$81,960
4	\$99,000
5	\$116,040
6	\$133,080
7	\$150,120
8	\$167,160

For each additional household member add \$17,040

Note: Income guidelines are subject to annual updates.

Please refer to the official application for the applicable eligibility guidelines and final figures.

To determine your child's eligibility:

1. Complete the **GWRSD Expanded Meals Eligibility Application**.
2. Submit the completed application to your child's school or the Food Service Department as soon as possible.
3. **One application per household is sufficient.**

The application is available by:

- Visiting the **GWRSD District website** or your child's school office.
- Contacting your child's school.
- Completing the online application through the district website at www.gwrSD.org. Select the **Food Service** button on the right-hand side of the page and then select "**GWRSD Expanded Meals Eligibility Form.**"

If you have questions or need assistance completing the application, please contact **Kaylor White, Assistant Director of Food Services**, at **603-569-2433** or kwhite@sau49nh.gov.

Thank you for supporting healthy school meals and helping ensure that our students have access to nutritious meals each school day.

Sincerely,
Governor Wentworth Regional School District
Food Service Department