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## MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE FREE MEALS TO ALL STUDENTS

**Middleborough, Massachusetts** - The Middleborough Public Schools will provide free meals for ALL of our students during school days until December 31, 2020. This will help ensure that all of our children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are very appreciative of the fact that the United States Department of Agriculture has made this important decision to make sure that ALL of our students have nutritious free meals available to them every school day at least through December 31, 2020. The students of the Middleborough Public Schools will benefit greatly as these meals will be offered to all cohorts every day. This will include meals served in school as well as our “Grab and Go” program for all of our students who will be learning from home either in the hybrid plan or the “Online Learning Academy” said Brian E. Lynch, Superintendent of Schools for the Middleborough Public Schools.

If a child is in need of a meal and they are not in the physical building on a particular day, these meals will be distributed as a “Grab and Go”, and be distributed from the front of the Henry B. Burkland school at 41 Mayflower Ave. on school days from 9:15am-9:45am or 12:00pm-12:30pm.

The USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service had extended a suite of nationwide waivers for the Summer Food Service Program through the end of 2020, or until available funding runs out.

This includes:

- Allowing SFSP meals to be served in all areas and at no cost;
- Permitting meals to be served outside of the typically-required group settings and meal times;
- Waiving meal pattern requirements as necessary; and
- Allowing parents and guardians to pick-up meals for their children.

These flexibilities ensure meal options for children continue to be available so children can access meals under all circumstances.

The Middleborough Public Schools’ administration, faculty, staff, and students would like to thank all the members of our Food Service Department that have continued to provide meals to families since March 16, 2020.

Please contact Rebecca Bagnell at [RBagnell@middleboro.k12.ma.us](mailto:RBagnell@middleboro.k12.ma.us) with any questions.