

## **Apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals and get additional help to buy groceries!**

The start of the 2022-2023 school year is coming fast! A change this year at Ellendale Public School is that meals will NOT be free this year. The last 2 years' meals were free due to Federal Covid Relief Funds. That benefit has now ended, and meals will be charged this coming school year.

The price per meal will be as follows:

Breakfast	Lunch
Grades K-6: \$2.50	Grades K-6: \$2.60
Grades 7-12: \$2.50	Grades 7-12: \$2.85

We are asking each family to please fill out the free/reduced application and return it to the school office before August 19, 2022. If you fill out the application before August 19th and if you qualify for free or reduced-price meals, your child will also receive the Summer P-EBT card. This card will be sent to your family in late August or early October and it's a \$391 value for groceries. This is a federal benefit coming from the State of North Dakota and is not affiliated with the school district.

Families can contact the P-EBT email box or helpline for assistance. **Staff is able to respond to emails much faster than voice mail messages.**

Email: [snap-pebt@nd.gov](mailto:snap-pebt@nd.gov)

Helpline: 701-328-2732

Other benefits to filling out the application are: (use this information or change as you prefer)

- School Meals: Most commonly associated with the free/reduced application is the opportunity to receive free or discounted school meals for children. Eligibility is based on family size and income.
- School Funding: The amount of funding the district receives is dependent on our rate of free/reduced students, as is our eligibility for additional grant funding. Ensuring our free/reduced rate is an accurate representation of our district is vital in providing a valuable education.
- College Applications: Families enrolled in the federal free/reduced meal program are eligible for fee waivers associated with the college application process at select universities.
- Standardized Tests: Families enrolled in the federal free/reduced meal program are eligible for fee waivers associated with national standardized tests (ACT, SAT, and AP Exams).

**Complete your family's application today!**