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SMMUSD Receives Waiver to Provide Free Student Meals

USDA extends free meals for kids through the end of 2020

Students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District may continue to receive free meals, regardless of qualification for the free and reduced lunch program, thanks to an extension of the USDA free summer meal program. SMMUSD has received this waiver through Dec. 31, 2020, or until available USDA funding runs out.

SMMUSD is providing grab-and-go breakfast and lunch Monday - Friday, excluding holidays. Service is from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at four schools: Santa Monica High School, McKinley Elementary, Will Rogers Learning Community in Santa Monica, and Webster Elementary in Malibu. Adults wanting to purchase meals may do so for \$2.75 for breakfast and \$4.75 for lunch.

SMMUSD families may go to any of the four locations, even if not enrolled there. The student does not need to be present. A parent or guardian may pick up meals for students.

If you or your child are sick, do not come to school.

Rogers, McKinley and Webster pick up will be at the front of the school, either right out front, or in the usual drop off/ pick up drive through. Samohi pick up will be at the 7th and Michigan gate.

"Daily meal service for our students is critical for student learning," Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said. "We have provided meals since our school closures in March, through the summer, and continue with this important program this fall, now for all students, free of charge."

Visit the food and nutrition services <u>website</u> for more information. Additional meal and pantry programs are available in Santa Monica and Malibu. Visit: <u>www.smmusd.org/FamilyResources</u> for information.

USDA information on this program can be found online.

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