

## EASTCONN Child Nutrition Program

### Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Extension Announcement

Effective immediately breakfast and lunch meals are FREE for all children 18 and younger. This federally mandated benefit will be in effect for the 2021-2022 school year, unless funds are exhausted sooner by the United States Department of Agriculture

Please read the following:

- **If you previously qualified, or believe you may qualify for free or reduced, please CONTINUE to submit free and reduced meal applications as soon as possible.**
- Even though all students can receive meals for free under SSO, we still need to verify your status for when the federal extension expires.
- **If you have already put money on your child's account it will remain there for when the federal extension expires. They may also use funds may also to make a la carte purchases, when and it that service resumes. A milk only purchase is still \$0.60.**
- If you already received an eligibility notification letter from us, the free, reduced, paid status indicated will go into effect when the federal extension expires.
- **Grab and go meals will still be available to children under 18, who are not in school. We are only permitted to provide 5 days of meals per federal guidelines. More info to come.**
- Each Child is eligible to receive one breakfast and one lunch a day, so if you order meals for pick up, please do not order meals for the days that any of the children are in school and participating in the meal program.

**\*\*Please note that the bulk meal menu does not necessarily follow the published in school and breakfast menu.\*\***

We will continue to communicate any updates and or changes as we receive them from the CSDE. And as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions at [hplourde@eastconn.org](mailto:hplourde@eastconn.org) or 860-455-1552.

Sincerely,

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