



MASSAPEQUA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Lunch Office
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Massapequa School District is making updates to the Food Service Program as follows:

In response to the CARES Act extension, the Massapequa School District has applied for a waiver through the New York State Child Nutrition Department to **provide lunch at no cost** to all students. Although formal approval is still pending, we are pleased to announce that beginning Monday, November 2, 2020, our district will be offering free lunch to all students for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. Please know that if the State's funds are exhausted earlier, we will resume our traditional school lunch program.

This change will take effect throughout the district automatically. No additional form or permission is required. However, households should still complete Free and Reduced Meal Applications in case of a sudden change to the program. Please continue to complete forms and send them to the School Lunch Department. For an application, visit:

[http://massapequaschoolmeals.com/schools/1566229244897/mealapps/2020-21 Free And Reduced Application - English.pdf](http://massapequaschoolmeals.com/schools/1566229244897/mealapps/2020-21-Free-And-Reduced-Application-English.pdf)

Districtwide meal distribution will occur at your child's school and at the home school for students on full distance learning. **Please see your student's school page on our website for specific details for each school's lunch pickup procedures.**

- Meal pick up is available daily whenever school is in session.
- Parents or guardians can pick up meals for students.
- Students are entitled to one lunch per day.

MySchoolBucks refunds for unused funds in lunch accounts will not be available immediately. If a refund is requested, they will be issued on a monthly basis.

Be aware that a cash balance on MSB will be needed for purchasing bottled water at the secondary schools.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during these unprecedented times. The health and happiness of our students is always our priority.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the School Lunch Office.
Sincerely,

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