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Canaseraga Families,

We want to be sure that everyone is aware of a benefit that the families of all 2019-20 Canaseraga students have received or will be receiving. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 authorized the payment of Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) food benefits to households with children who would have received free school lunches under the National School Lunch Act, if not for a school closure. These temporary food benefits are to help cover the cost of meals children would otherwise have received at school from March through June during the 2019-20 school year. Since Canaseraga is a Community Eligibility Provision school (free breakfast & lunch for everyone), all 2019-20 students are eligible for the P-EBT benefits, in the amount of \$420 per child.

If your family received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or Temporary Assistance—TA (Cash) benefits for March 2020, and you have children between ages 5 and 18 who receive free or reduced-price school lunch, you should have already received P-EBT food benefits for each eligible child in your household. These food benefits were automatically issued to your family's current EBT card in May and June.

If your family was not enrolled in a food assistance program in March 2020, you still will automatically get P-EBT food benefits for each school-age child in your household who attended Canaseraga last year. Benefit cards and information about when and how to access P-EBT food benefits may have already been sent or will be mailed to households with eligible children through October. **Please be sure not to discard this information when you receive it, as the enclosed card is worth \$420 in food credits per child.** All cards have the student's name along with a generic birth date of 01/01/1900 printed on them, and we understand that this may cause some confusion and could appear to be "junk" mail.

For more information on the P-EBT cards, please go to <https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Pandemic-EBT.asp>. Contact information for questions about the program is available at that site. School district personnel are not able to answer questions regarding the program.

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