



## **Federal COVID-19 School Meal Funding Ending and TISD FAQ**

### ***What is TISD's plan to address the free school meal loss due to Federal COVID-19 school meal funding?***

TISD is very fortunate the majority of our campuses operate the National School Lunch Program through the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). All students who attend a campus operating the CEP program receive free breakfast and lunch without the need to complete a free or reduced lunch application. These campuses are: Options Academic Alternative High School, Texas Middle School, The Sixth Grade Center @ Texas Middle School, Highland Park Elementary, Wake Village Elementary, Nash Elementary, Westlawn Elementary, Spring Lake Park Elementary, Theron Jones Early Literacy Center and Paul Laurence Dunbar Early Education Center.

Campuses where students will be charged for meals based on their eligibility for free or reduced benefits through an application for free or reduced lunch are: Texas High School, DAEP/TILC, Waggoner Creek Elementary and Martha & Josh Morris Mathematics & Engineering Elementary. The food service department is working diligently to ensure that families have access to the application in advance of the start of school. Families have been contacted to alert them of the need to complete an application this year. The application for next school year is available on the Child Nutrition page of the district website and the food service department is processing them daily.

### ***How will TISD communicate the need to fill out forms to qualify for free/reduced lunch?***

TISD has created a task force of Food Service staff and Instructional staff who have contacted parents of returning and newly enrolled students at the campuses that will be charging for lunches to alert parents of the need to complete applications and offer support to complete applications. Staff members will be available at beginning of the year events such as meet the teacher, kindergarten registration and New Tiger Camp to alert parents of the need to complete the application and offer support if needed. The Child Nutrition office is open and available to assist parents in person at 1600 Waterall or by phone at 903.792.2231.

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