



Last week, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the USDA will extend several flexibilities through as late as December 31, 2020. The flexibilities allow summer meal program operators to continue serving free meals to all children into the fall months. P.D.E. (PA. Department of Education) has granted school districts waivers to continue “summer” feeding programs that provide free meals.

Families will still need to complete Free/Reduced meal applications, as this no cost benefit can end at any time. Completing the application can help families and the district benefit in other ways (P-EBT funds, Title 1 funding, etc.).

We have been providing free meals in school to all students coming through the cafeteria lines regardless of meal status since the start of school.

By next week we will be providing information to parents regarding reserving and picking up meals for five day virtual students via a google form as well as take home meals to AB students for their hybrid learning day.

Your patience is appreciated as we navigate through these unexpected changes while we anticipate further information and clarification from P.D.E.

If you have any questions, please contact the Southmoreland Food Service Department at 724-887-2015 or caponev@southmoreland.net (Food Service Director) or ellenbergerg@southmoreland.net (Secretary). We are unable to reply to any comments on our Southmoreland Food Service facebook page, but hope you find it an easy and useful source of information from our department. Information is also posted on the district website & on the Scottie Channel.