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Hello,

I am writing to share some important information for families in Marin County schools.

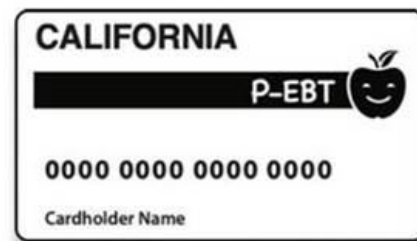
Due to school closures caused by COVID-19, California is providing new food benefits call Pandemic EBT or P-EBT Card to families who are eligible or enrolled in free or reduced-price meals at their school.

Families will get up to \$365 per eligible child on a P-EBT card. This is a one-time benefit. You can use your P-EBT card like a debit card to buy food and groceries for your children.

Most families who receive CalFresh, CalWORKS, Medi-Cal or other social services benefits will get a P-EBT card in the mail by May 22. Please keep an eye out for this card in the mail over the next few weeks and follow the instructions to activate your P-EBT Card which will require you to set up your private pin number.

Information about Pandemic EBT Cards

Here is an overview and an image of the P-EBT card (which is different from and in addition to your CalFresh EBT).



- Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) will be issued to children who are eligible and/or enrolled for free or reduced-price meals at their school. This includes:
 - Public, private, and charter schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 - Children who attend community eligible schools (where all children receive free or reduced-price meals) will **all** be included and receive a P-EBT card.
- Families will receive up to \$365 **per** child.
- For households with more than one child, the P -EBT Card will be issued under oldest child's name.
- **According to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has stated that P-EBT Card will not be considered for public charge purposes.**
- Children who get CalFresh, Medi-Cal or Foster care benefits **do not need to apply** and most should expect to get their P-EBT Card in May 2020.
- Families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and who do not get their card in May 2020, must apply online by June 30, 2020 (more info on that process will be shared soon).

- P-EBT is in addition to other food services available. This means, children can remain on CalFresh, continue to receive “Grab n go” meals, access food pantries AND receive their P-EBT Card.
- P-EBT cards are used like a debit card and can be used at grocery stores and farmers markets to purchase food. You can review the list of local retailers who accept EBT cards: <https://www.ebt.ca.gov/locator/index.html#/locator.page>

We know these are challenging times and we hope that this additional support will assist your families. If you have questions or need additional information please contact

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My best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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Marin County Superintendent of Schools