School Nutrition Department

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The Bibb County School Nutrition Department is committed to "Serving Todays Students Nutritious Meals to Grow Tomorrows Leaders." This is our mission statement, and this does not change when our students are learning from home.

A child that has access to nutritious, balanced meals will have what is necessary to develop and learn. Each meal that you pickup will provide healthy options and ensure that children have the energy they need while reducing their risk for obesity, diabetes, and other serious chronic diseases facing children today. Our meal standards and guidelines are set by the *United States Department of Agriculture* and are based on the *Dietary Guidelines for American*s as well as the recommendations of the *Institute of Medicine*.

To be a reliable organization, we are implementing an innovative process (Online Pre-Ordering) that will allow us to ensure we have enough meals for your children as well as limit waste and the costly discard of leftover meals. All meal orders must be placed by 9 AM the day before you plan to pick up meals.

Under the regular National School Lunch and School Breakfast Meal Programs, we must follow **different regulations on the way we "count and claim" meals**. The following is in effect beginning with the official start of the school year on September 8, 2020:

- Meals may **only** be served **Free** under CEP (Community Eligibility Program) to **students enrolled in Bibb County School District.**
- Student meals **must be accounted for using a validated claiming system** (Student Name, Student ID, Scanning of Barcode/ID, etc.)
- **Parents or guardians picking up meals for students** will need to know the student's ID Number, or have the student's ID Card.
- **Students not enrolled in the Bibb County School District will need to provide information** that we can use to contact the neighboring School District to **retrieve their eligibility** to take part on an ongoing basis.

NEW Online Meal Ordering

We need your assistance! We are asking that you take a moment today to look at the NEW Online Ordering Form, walk through the process with everyone that will be placing orders. It will **only take one to two minutes to place the order**. The same form may be used for up to 3

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students. **All meals must be pre-ordered**. Orders must be received in Schools Nutrition by 9 AM the day before meals will be picked up. You may order for 1 day or multiple days on the same form. Its quick and easy, with no Apps to download. You can access the Menus from the form to see what will be served each day. Check it out at New Online Meal Ordering. Order Ahead!

To ensure all of our students have access to meals we will offer **two different options** for meal service.

Option 1
Transportation Bus Routes - Meals will be delivered Monday through Friday at specified bus stops using the traditional Bibb County School District Bus Routes and Stops. There may be slight differences if the stop is not safe to stop at for extended periods of time (on a high-speed street and other similar safety concerns). Students will visit the bus, provide their name, and ID Number, or scan their ID Card to pick up their meal. Click here to access specified Bus Routes.

Option 2
Curbside Walkup and Drive-thru Service - Meals will be available for pickup at specified School Locations on Tuesday and Thursday. This is the same service model used in Summer. Multiple days meals will be served each day. Staff will be conveniently located at either the Bus Ramp or Front Student Drop-off location to take your name and ID number or scan your ID Card. If you drive up, you will not get out of your car, meals will be delivered to you through the window. Walkup patrons will be served individually while social distancing.

Need special dietary meals – Please complete the standard Diet Form used each year to request special dietary needs. Our Dietitian will review the Physicians Orders and contact you. This is **necessary for meals served under the virtual model as well**. Please return the form as soon as possible to ensure we are ready when school begins. The form can be found at **https://eatrightbibb.com/index.php?page=allergy&sid=0209141729107728.** Please make sure that all areas are complete and signed by the official. **We will not be able to accommodate without clear guidance from the certified official.**

If there are questions, please contact the School Nutrition Office at 478-779-2612.

Sincerely,

Timikel Sharpe
Executive Director School