



**WEST BONNER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #83**  
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Parents/Guardians and staff of WBCSD#83:

USDA is requiring all districts that participate in the federal meal programs to 'make available' either electronically or by paper copies, the Low Income Eligibility Application for SY 2021/22. West Bonner SD will be complying with this regulation by having available the lunch application at all school sites and in the district office and the district webpage. We will not be distributing or accepting paper applications nor will we be requesting or encouraging families to complete the paper application. We are simply making the application available as required above.

**It is important to note that families DO NOT need to complete a meal application in order to receive free breakfast and/or free lunch during the SY 21/22. All enrolled students of West Bonner SD # 83 will automatically receive universal free breakfast and lunch WITHOUT any household information being requested or collected. No application required to participate.**

If a family insists on completing a meal application they may do so. USDA requires all submitted applications to be processed and subject to income verification/audit. Breakfast and lunch will still be provided free of charge regardless of eligibility determined by submitted application.

The reason USDA is requiring the Low Income Eligibility Application to be made available to families is for the P-EBT (Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer) temporary emergency nutrition benefit purposes only. The P-EBT funds are meant to provide emergency financial assistance to households that qualified for free or reduced priced meals but did not have access to school meals because their school closed and/or did not provide meal service due to COVID-19 anytime during SY20/21. The only schools in West Bonner that qualified during SY20/21 were Priest River Jr High School and Priest River Lamanna High School.

P-EBT funding is still available for SY21/22. To be eligible to receive P-EBT benefits a family must meet the criteria below:

1. Attend a school that has closed for 5 or more consecutive school calendar days and did not provide low income eligible families access to school meals.
2. Received eligibility letter approving them for SNAP (Supplemental Assistance Program-Food Stamps), or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Financial) benefits, or Homeless eligible status prior to the five consecutive day school closure cited above.

To ensure our low income families have the opportunity to participate in the P-EBT program if they become eligible, the child nutrition department will continue to report all 'Directly Certified' students who have been approved for SNAP & TANF benefits as well as all Homeless approved students to the State Department. **Families do not need to provide any information, because we continue to obtain it directly from Health and Welfare and our district's Homeless Liaison.**

**Any questions, please call Terri Johnson, Child Nutrition Director at 208-448-4439 ext.5 or email [terrijohnson@sd83.org](mailto:terrijohnson@sd83.org).**

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