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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT** 

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **KPBSD STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES (SNS)**

Application for free or reduced meals is available on the KPBSD website

Soldotna, July 10, 2023—Parents and guardians are encouraged to complete their online meal application so children will have access to meal benefits based on their determination the first day of the school year. The application for Free and Reduced Meals to determine benefits and qualify communities for federal funds is online for the KPBSD at: <a href="http://mealapp.kpbsd.org">http://mealapp.kpbsd.org</a>

### Kenai Peninsula Borough School District 2023-2024 Meal Prices:

Breakfast: Students approved for Free and Reduced meals: \$.00; Grades K-12: \$2.50 Lunch: Students approved for reduced meals: \$.40; Grades K-6: \$3.50; Grades 7-12: \$4.00

The Community Eligible Program (CEP) qualifies every student in the school to receive free meals. KPBSD CEP schools are Nanwalek School; Nikolaevsk School; and Tebughna School.

#### Regarding student meals in the 2023-2024 school year beginning in August:

- Online Application: Parents or guardians must reapply each year for free or reduced meal benefits
   All applications will be accepted online through the new state portal at

   <u>http://mealapp.kpbsd.org.</u> If someone does not have access to the internet, each school will have a
   few paper applications in the school office, or you can stop by the Student Nutrition Services office.
- Opt-In form required to charge meals up to two days of meals: Students will not be permitted to
  charge any meals until parents or guardians have signed an Opt-In form for their child. The Opt-In is
  included in the online packet, and SNS needs a form completed for each student that a parent gives
  permission to charge. When completed, students will be allowed to charge up to two days of meals,
  and no further charges will be allowed until the amount is paid back.



In 1965, federal funds were established through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to ensure that all children have a fair and equal opportunity to education. KPBSD has developed programs to support struggling learners all around the district, and various forms are included in school registration packets each year to help identify qualifying students and families. Completion of the Free and Reduced Meal application—even by families who do not want to use free or reduced price meals—is important to the continuation of these federally funded programs. Federal funding is based on qualified applications.

#### Links

**KPBSD Student Nutrition Services webpage** 

KPBSD Free and Reduced Meal application: <a href="http://mealapp.kpbsd.org">http://mealapp.kpbsd.org</a>

KPBSD secure webstore to add food service funds for meals, or use the link on the KPBSD mobile app

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