



Paramus Board of Education

Families Automatically Eligible for Summer EBT

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child(ren) are eligible for a program called Summer EBT, which helps families buy food during the summer when school is out. Your child(ren) will automatically be enrolled in the program, so you do not need to apply.

In New Jersey, you will receive \$120 for each eligible child on a card that you can use to buy food during the summer at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers.

Summer EBT cards will be mailed to you in June and benefits will be available for use immediately. Receiving Summer EBT benefits will not affect children or families' immigration status.

If your **address has changed** this year be sure to update it with your school district to ensure your benefit card is sent to the correct address. If you are not interested in receiving the Summer EBT benefit, please notify your school **district before May 1, 2025**.

In addition to Summer EBT benefits, children under 18 years of age in your household can also receive free meals during the summer at a summer meal site. You can call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (or text 914-342-7744 with the keyword "summer meals") to find the location closest to you.

If you have questions, you can contact **Margaret Peros - 201-261-7800 Ext 3053**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brooke Bartley".

Brooke Bartley

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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program.intake@usda.gov

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