

DON'T SCRAP THE APP!

Lowell Area Schools
August 9, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we approach the 2023/2024 school year, we wanted to make sure that parents/guardians understand the following information regarding school meals.

- Universal free meals for all students at school were included in the state budget for the 2023/2024 school year
- Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students. Milk only can be purchased for .50

Please take a moment to complete the form <https://lowell.familyportal.cloud/> . The Application for Summer EBT and Education Benefits with the Michigan School Meals Program collects information needed to ensure the school receives state and federal funding for education programs. **Without this information, Lowell Area Schools could lose important state funding for educational programs that our students are entitled to.** These supplemental grants and programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional staff (ex. Reading Interventionists, Math Tutors, Academic & Behavior Aids)
- Teaching supplies and materials
- Counselors and Social Workers
- School Nurses
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

Why is Lowell Area Schools requesting financial information? The School Meals and Summer EBT Application determines eligibility of a student or household. The total count of eligible students is used to determine the funding amounts that will be made available to a school. The more forms returned the better.

What else might my student or household be eligible for? Based on the information you gave on your School Meals and Summer EBT Application, your child may qualify for other programs such as:

- Summer EBT
- Pay to play or Pay to Participate
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees
- Potential household support for cable and internet

If you have any questions, please contact Brad Stinson at 616.987.2964
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Sincerely,
Principal or Superintendent