

UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: Utica City School District Students & Families

FROM: Utica City School District Food Service Department

DATE: September 2nd, 2020

SUBJECT: National School Breakfast and Lunch Program for the 2020-2021 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Meal distribution will look different this year to ensure the safety of both our students, faculty and staff members. Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick up at each of our schools, **Monday through Friday from 9 AM- 1:30 PM**. Feel free to pick up meals from any location, but you may be required to verify the student's name and school they attend before receiving meals. Our Registered Dietitian will be working closely with the nursing staff, teachers and guardians regarding students with food allergies and will be evaluated on a case to case basis.

All breakfast and lunch menu items will continue to follow USDA Federal regulations that states we are to offer five meal components- grains (half of which must be whole grain), meat/meat alternate, fruit, vegetables, and milk. Of these five components, students must choose at least three, one of the three must be a fruit or a vegetable. All menus are available on our school website.

Aside from other districts in the area, Utica City Schools is part of the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) of New York State's Education Department. Under this provision, all students will continue to receive a reimbursable breakfast and lunch free of charge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Michael Ferraro, Food Service Director or Hayley Mielnicki, District Registered Dietitian.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Ferraro
Director of Food Service