

Dear Putnam Valley School District Families,

On behalf of Putnam Valley CSD Nutrition Services, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

While this is a most unique start to the year, we wanted to share some great news that will affect all students: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service announced program changes that will provide for **free meals for all students, regardless of income**. This has been made possible by nationwide waivers. These waivers were extended, granted and approved to provide for free meals to all students until the **end of the school year**.

Your students may enjoy breakfast and lunch at **no charge**, whether they dine in the cafeteria, in the classroom, or pickup grab & go meals. Free meals will include a protein or whole grain or both for breakfast, milk and fruit; while lunch will include a protein, vegetable, fruit or juice, or both, and a milk. Students dining on campus may elect to purchase additional items at normal pricing. Meals for virtual students/remote students, may be picked-up at our convenient Grab & Go, located at Putnam Valley High School. However your student dines with us, rest assured that we will be serving delicious, nutritious meals prepared with the utmost attention to safety.

In the event of temporary building closures we would ask ALL families to look for a separate meal request form and complete the form indicating your needs during the temporary closure.

Once students return to the buildings after our holiday pause, those students who are remote-only OR hybrid and would like to pick up meals, should please complete our standard meal request form (even if you completed this before, please help us confirm and update our records by re-submitting your requests now): http://pvcsd.org/index.php/district/parent-resources/school-lunch-info/ This information will be used while our school buildings are open.

Families are encouraged to review the available options and participate in our meal program.

If you'd like more information, please call our office 845-526-7847 ext 1321 or email us at <u>srenken@pvcsd.org</u>. Please also check the district website for the latest information at pvcsd.org.

Sincerely,

Sandra Renken Food Service Director



For more information visit: pvcsd.org

All breakfast and lunch meals are free thru the end of the 2020-2021 school year!