

May 2, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pandemic-Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program is additional money for families to buy food due to COVID-19 school closures. There is no application or form to fill out (for the 2020-21 school year). Eligible families will automatically be issued benefits. All families with children enrolled in LKSD public schools (k-12) last school year are eligible if the school moved into remote learning, virtual learning, or a hybrid schedule as a result of COVID-19. Children who were enrolled in LKSD schools (not homeschooling) will be sent a P-EBT card from Food Bank of Alaska. Money will be automatically issued to the child's card. Please do not throw away the card after using the first deposit. Money will be loaded onto the card in multiple installments over several months. For more information and to see if your child's school is eligible please go to foodbankofalaska.org Pandemic-EBT page and use the Eligibility and Benefit Calculator. For clarification on the P-EBT program please call (907)272-3663.

Update 4/29/22: P-EBT benefits for the 2020-21 school year have started to go out to select districts including Lower Kuskokwim School District. This is a manual process and will take some time to reach all eligible kids. Names are entered by school district. They are not entered by school or family so kids in the same family may not receive benefits at the same time. For any questions or concerns please contact the Food Bank of Alaska at (907)272-3663.

MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs or other assistance benefits, contact the Bethel public assistance office at (907) 543-2686 or call 1-855-432-7587.

Sincerely,

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