

P-EBT: IMPORTANT UPDATE! (October 1, 2020)

Please share this important information regarding P-EBT with your families and students:

- **NO parental action is required to get the Fall P-EBT benefit.**
- The last day to get data to the PED that would qualify a child was Sept. 18. This was due to the tight time frame we had to get the P-EBT out to students and families.
- As of today (Oct. 1, beginning of federal fiscal year), the PED and HSD **can do only address changes** for benefits that were issued in both phases.
- As of today, the PED and HSD can **NO** longer can issue any new P-EBT for any phases. There are **no more federal funds available** for P-EBT at this time.
- HSD is in the process of issuing the remainder of the second round of P-EBT cards for **new students** and student on **SNAP and regular EBT** on or by **Oct. 22** (approximately 72k families, and affect 92k students).
- Families should be patient and wait for the cards to be mailed and received.
- The second round will **not be added to existing SNAP or regular EBT cards.**
- We **do not** know if there will be future P-EBT issuances, but please ask families to **save their existing P-EBT cards.**
- Schools and Districts must continue to ensure that student data and addresses are updated, submitted, and validated in STARS or to the PED.

Contact numbers:

HSD Hotline- 1-800-283-4465

PED Hotline- 1-505-660-4822

FIS number- 1-800-843-8303 (card replacements)

Note: The HSD and the PED are working on getting a consolidated 1-800 number.

Website links for P-EBT information:

HSD Website: <https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForAssistance/p-ebt.aspx>

PED Website Link to HSD: <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/> (Pandemic EBT is under Important information and quick links)