

**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT/HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back students and families! We are excited to update you with the news that Massachusetts students will receive FREE school meals in School Year 2023-2024 and in all future years! Last month, Massachusetts became the 8<sup>th</sup> state to make Free School Meals for All permanent which means that breakfast and lunch will continue to be served at no cost to all students for years to come.

**Please note that even though meals will be free for all, it is very important for families to still complete the Household Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals for the 2023-2024 school year.** We strongly encourage ALL families to submit this form as it allows us to waive fees for those who qualify and serve families most effectively. Completing this form also helps our district to receive more federal funding to keep our Nutrition Program strong.

If you are interested, please consider applying for SNAP, the federal nutrition program that provides eligible residents with monthly financial assistance to purchase groceries. More SNAP information can be found at [gettingsnap.org](http://gettingsnap.org) or by calling Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

It is our privilege to provide breakfast and lunch to your children, supporting them with nourishing and healthy meals to power through the school day! We can't wait to see them in the coming weeks. Please reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Best

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