



THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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November 20, 2020

Dear Thompson Families,

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we work through the many challenges associated with the COVID-19 virus this school year. Our goal is to have middle and high school onsite learners return to classes on Monday, November 30, 2020. As you know, the return date is contingent upon no additional reported positive cases of COVID-19. Our top priority is to maintain a healthy learning environment for students, faculty, and staff.

Due to the uncertainty of the spread of the virus in the community, the district must continue to plan for subsequent at-home learning periods. We are committed to providing all students with a free breakfast and lunch each day. Lunch pick-up for remote students is available Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in front of Thompson Middle School. We plan to keep this meal distribution site open for the remainder of the school year.

We also recognize a need to plan a more coordinated effort to deliver meals to students if we must transition to district-wide remote learning. Thompson Public Schools cafeteria staff is partnering with Dattco Bus Company to coordinate a delivery schedule to transport meals to bus stops and homes **if** the district must transition everyone learning at home.

If you are interested in having free school meals delivered to your home or closest bus stop, please complete the attached form and return via email to Lisa Durand, Ldurand@thompsonpublicschools.org or bring it to the drop-off box located inside the foyer of Thompson Middle School by Monday, November 30, 2020. Please note that the meal delivery program will be activated if the entire district switches to distant learning. You will be notified of the start date.

Thank you,

Melinda A. Smith, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools

Thompson Public Schools
785 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255

Dear Families,

Thompson Public Schools adheres to USDA'S Seamless Summer Option (SSO), a federally funded, state-administered program that provides free, nutritious meals to kids. Breakfast and lunch meals are FREE for all children 18 and younger, 7 days per week until the end of this school year (June 2021). Children **do not** have to be enrolled in our District to receive these meals. Each child is eligible to receive one breakfast and one lunch a day from our Meal Program.

In the event the District goes to Remote Learning, Thompson Public Schools will begin a meal delivery service. Additional information to follow. For those of you who are Distant Learning at this time, meals are currently available for you to pick up curbside, Monday-Friday at the Thompson Middle School entrance 12:00-1:00pm, 785 Riverside Drive, N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255.

Please complete the attached "**consent form**" and place in the drop-off box at Middle School entrance or email your consent info to ldurand@thompsonpublicschools.org.

Please call or email Lisa Durand with any questions you may have @ (860) 923-9581, x588, ldurand@thompsonpublicschools.org.

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

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"CONSENT FORM"

Parent/Guardian Name _____ (Printed)

Phone # _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

OF MEALS REQUESTED FOR HOME DELIVERY _____ (Eligible Children 0-18)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____