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Subject: Important Summer EBT Information!

The Division of Food and Nutrition would like to thank all sponsors participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for completing the Initial Summer EBT Bulk File Upload in SNEARS. The State agency has received many calls and questions from parents about Summer EBT benefit card issuance. Please make families aware of the following:

- Summer EBT benefits are separate and apart from any Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits received on a "NJFamiliesFirst" card
- Summer EBT benefits will be issued on a separate "New Jersey Summer EBT" benefit card.
- Summer EBT cards will be mailed directly to eligible children throughout the month of June and mailed to the address provided on file by the school district. Issuance will be ongoing.

Please share this information with families and direct them to the <u>Summer EBT webpage</u> to help spread the word!

Please also ensure that district websites and resource materials are updated to indicate "Summer EBT" and NOT P-EBT, as P-EBT was a temporary program that has since ended.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in identifying students eligible to receive this valuable food security benefit to reduce childhood hunger when school is out for the summer.