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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals for overall nutrition and academic success. The Paramus Board of Education is pleased to inform you that we are participating in the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option (SSO) to provide **free meals for all students during the 2021-2022 academic school year**. Your child will be able to receive a free lunch at NO charge.

Even though the district is providing free meals to all students throughout the 2021-2022 academic school year, the Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals is still available and is used to determine eligibility for P-EBT benefits, state funding, and for other school sponsored activities. We encourage you to complete the application to see if you qualify for additional benefits.

The Free and Reduced price school meals application is now available online through the [Genesis parent portal account](#). You will be able to access, complete and electronically submit the form. The processing of an application can take up to 10 operating days. Once you have submitted an application and it is processed, you will receive an Eligibility Notification letter under the documents tab with you child's meal status. This letter will be uploaded through your Genesis parent portal.

If you prefer not to apply on-line, you can access a paper application by visiting the [Food Services](#) page of our district website. **DO NOT** complete an on-line application if you submitted a paper form. **THIS WILL DELAY YOUR APPROVAL PROCESS.**

Only one application is required per family household. The application will be kept confidential. Please note that the application and instructions are available in different languages. Please visit the USDA website, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/translated-applications> to select the translated application you prefer to complete.

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