

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced recently that the department is extending flexibilities for free meals to all children for the entire 2020-21 school year. This unprecedented move is part of USDA's unwavering commitment to ensuring all children across America have access to nutritious food as the nation recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The USDA previously extended child nutrition waivers through December 2020 based upon available funding at the time. The flexibilities extended recently will allow schools and other local program operators to continue to leverage the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) to provide no cost meals to all children, available at over 90,000 sites across the country.

PCSD1 will continue to offer free lunch and breakfast to all enrolled students. A la carte items and extra milks still need to be paid by cash or money on the student's lunch account. PCSD1 has partnered with Powell Valley Health Care (PVHC). PVHC is offering breakfast and lunch pick-up on all days that PCSD1 school is in session for all those not enrolled in a program that provides lunch, including children five and under. The pick-up location is the care center located on Grand Street and is available from 9 am-11 am. The last day of free meals has been extended to May 27, 2021.