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Dear Wells ISD parents or guardians,

As we move through the fall semester, our students' well-being and success remains the top priority at Wells ISD. Our commitment includes ensuring your child can access nutritious food at school and other points in our community.

Starting November 1, 2020, Wells ISD will be operating the "Seamless Summer (SSO) Option". ***This federal nutrition program allows us to serve nutritious meals in our community to children between the ages of 2 and 18 and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old at no cost to your family.*** All Wells ISD students can receive daily meals whether they are learning in-person or remotely as a response to a COVID-19 situation.

Meal service information:

- Meal service methods available:
 - For in-person students: *regular school meal times and locations for all students*
 - Remote learners (in response to COVID-19) or community children: *administration office at 10:45 through 1:30pm each day for breakfast and lunch meal pickup*
- Who is eligible to receive a meal?
 - All currently enrolled students
 - All community children ages 2-18
- Who is allowed to pick up a meal?
 - Currently enrolled students will receive meals through the cafeteria lines as normal.
 - Parents and guardians are allowed to pick-up meals for remote learners (in response to COVID-19) and community children ages 2-18.
 - Children must be present at meal pick-up for meal count verification for each meal requested.
- How are meals for remote learners and community children requested/ received?
 - Meals can be requested by phone (936-867-4400) or by email meals@wells.esc7.net prior to 10:00am each day
 - Please include your name, the name of individual picking-up the meals, the number of children, and their ages
- If you would like additional information, please contact Cindy Totin, Food Service Director at 936-867-4400 or email meals@wells.esc7.net.

This program option is only available for Wells ISD for the 2020-2021 school year at this time. When the program ends, regular meal prices for children will be in effect starting school year 2021-2022 for non-eligible students.

In addition to school meals, you and your family may be able to access food through community organizations operating programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). These programs can provide additional support during the COVID-19 public health emergency. To determine income eligibility for food programs, visit

<https://squaremeals.org/PublicResources/WhatProgramsAmIEligibleFor.aspx>

Sincerely,

Jill Gaston
Wells ISD Superintendent