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Pandemic-EBT Program Will Offer Lifeline to Thousands of Ohio Schoolchildren

CLEVELAND, OH – The Center for Community Solutions commends the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services’ decision to apply for a Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program to help Ohio’s needy schoolchildren. That application was approved today by the United States Department of Agriculture, meaning 850,000 students and their families can start receiving essential nutrition assistance.

The P-EBT program means that 1 in 4 Ohio school children who would normally have access to free and reduced-price meals at school, will be able to use EBT cards to buy food worth the value of all those missed school meals. A child’s P-EBT allotment will be equal to the federal reimbursement rate for breakfast and lunch at the “free” rate meaning each student will receive about \$300.

“So many of Ohio’s children, and their families, have had to endure nearly two months without access to the critical nutrition they need. Today’s decision to enact the P-EBT program will mean a lot to families who are struggling during this time,” said John Corlett, Community Solutions’ Executive Director. “Community Solutions praises the ongoing efforts of both ODJFS and the Ohio Department of Education to ensure that needy Ohioans can get the nutrition assistance they need as soon as possible during this pandemic.”

To learn more about the P-EBT program, and what it will provide to Ohio’s schoolchildren please click [here](#) or visit CommSols.com/PandemicEBT.

If you would like to schedule an interview about the importance of this program please call or text Dani Carlson at 216-282-4583 or email dcarlson@communitysolutions.com.

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