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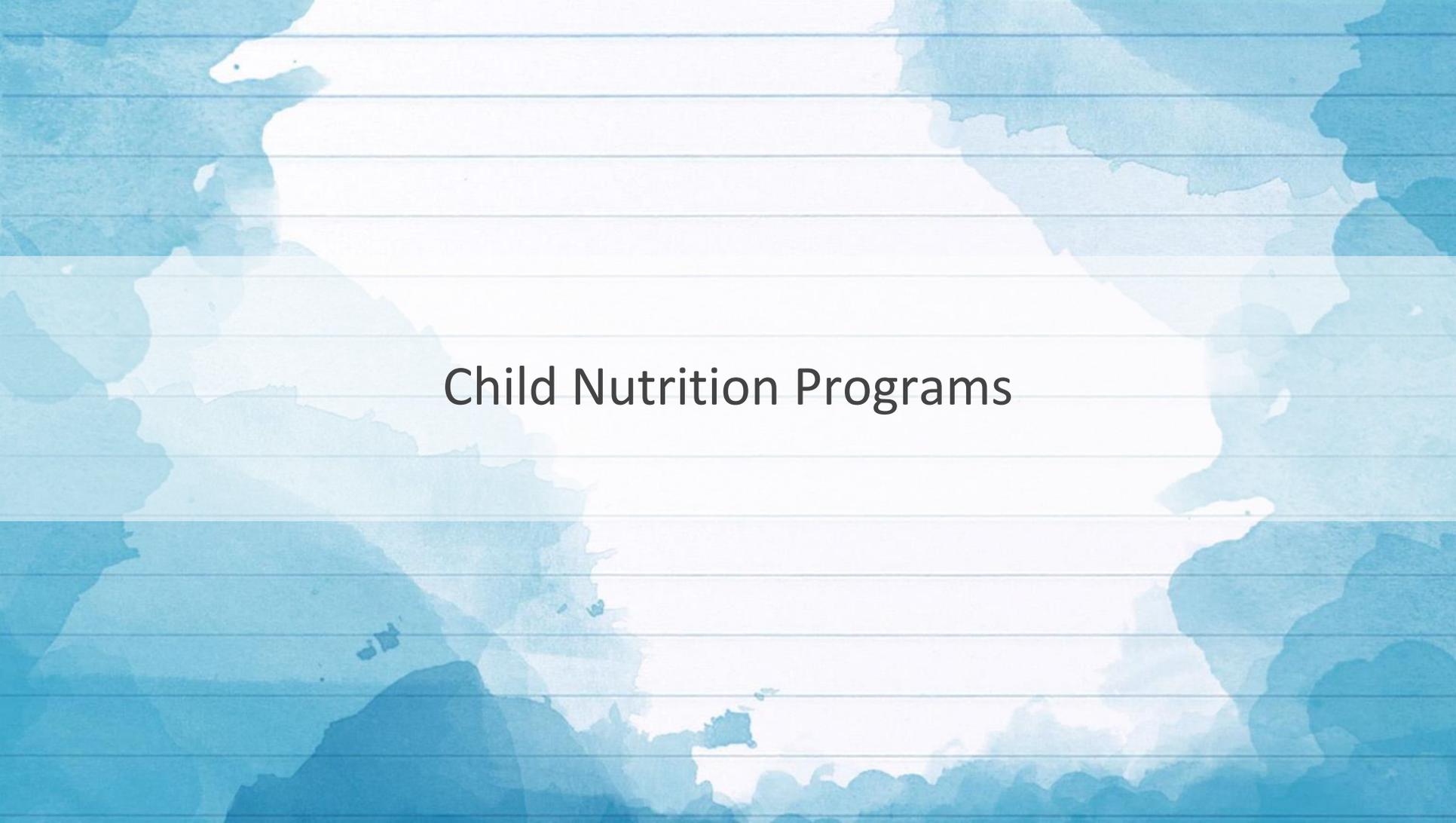
School System Leaders Call

March 24, 2020

ATTENTION

Given the high usage of online platforms, many phone lines are intermittent.

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Child Nutrition Programs

Options for Feeding Programs

School systems have four options to ensure continuity of meals for children in their parishes:

1. Continue current operations with appropriate PPE safety equipment
2. Find a local solution, e.g. partner with a local restaurant to assume meal operations
3. Contract with a [commercial provider](#) that can provide and distribute meals
4. Apply to the [Emergency Meals To You](#) (eMTY) program, which ships meals directly to qualifying students

By 4 PM today, Tuesday, March 24, school systems need to choose an option and indicate that choice in the [meal program survey](#).

Details

Continue operating feeding programs:

- School systems have the flexibility to distribute weekly 10 meals / child.
- If personal protective equipment (PPE) is a barrier, please submit the system's needs in the survey and the necessary PPE will be provided.

Locally-based solutions:

- School Systems are encouraged to consider potential local partners, such as local restaurants, that could take over the current program.

Contract with a commercial provider:

- Many commercial providers offer turnkey solutions for meal prep and distribution
- LDOE has developed a list of potential contractors for school systems to consider

Emergency Meals To You (eMTY)

Apply to the Emergency Meals to You program:

- Partnership between E-MTY and [Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty](#) that matches SFAs with vendors that can ship meals directly to children
- E-MTY vendor will ship box of 5 breakfasts & 5 lunches to eligible children (CEP or F/R)
- SFAs must complete an application with [Meals to You](#) and send to LDOE for review
- Baylor University approves application, matches SFA (district) with vendor, assists with contract negotiation between vendor and SFA
- Enroll qualifying families

There is a [demonstration call this morning at 11AM](#) for CNP providers that are interested in applying.

For more information, please contact the
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Thursday Agenda

- Supporting distance learning efforts to minimize learning loss
- Advanced Placement, CLEP, International Baccalaureate options
- Assessment updates