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School System Leaders Call
March 24, 2020
Given the high usage of online platforms, many phone lines are intermittent.

- If you are having trouble accessing one of the dial in numbers for the Zoom phone bridge, please use your computer audio.

- To reduce the strain on bandwidth, please turn off your video function.
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.
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 Division of Nutrition Support

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Thursday Agenda

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