

Good afternoon parents, this is Vaughn White, Superintendent of Hesperia Community Schools with a brief message.

Parents, our next food and learning packet pick up and drop off will take place this Thursday, April 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The procedure will be similar to what it was a couple of weeks ago. You will drive up to the building where your child attends school and request food if needed, request a learning packet, and drop off a learning packet if your child is finished with it. Please make sure your child's name is on the returned packet. It will also be helpful for you to put your child's teacher's name on the packet if they attend Kindergarten through 5th grade and your child's grade level on the packet if they attend 6th through 12th grade.

If your child has not completed the learning packet, the packet may be dropped off during any food distribution day and timeframe. If your child is completing work entirely online and this is the agreement you have with the teacher, you do not have to turn in a learning packet.

Second, all students attending our school system regardless of income will receive additional financial support for food purchasing through a government program called the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program. Families with a Bridge Card will have additional funds added to their card soon. Families that do not have a Bridge Card will receive a Pandemic EBT card in the mail sent under the name of their oldest child by the end of the first week in May. This card will look different than what the Bridge Card looks like. The combined benefits for the March and April installment will be \$193.80 per eligible child. The combined benefit for May and June will be \$182.40 per eligible child. If you choose not to use this benefit, the State recommends the purchasing of food and donating the food to a local food bank. The benefit is good until December 31, 2020.

The flier that explains this program will be posted on our website soon.

Parents, thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. We can only hope that we can get through this situation soon and get our lives back to normal.