

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Since the beginning of this year, the 2022-2023 school year, Plymouth Public Schools has been able to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to all Plymouth Public Schools students through the SMART (School Meals Assistance Revenue Transition) Grant provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education. The intent of the SMART funds is to assist households by providing free meals to all students for as long as funds are available. One of the requirements of the grant is for the school district to notify parents when the funding will run out. Based on our current student participation, we anticipate the SMART funding to be exhausted on or about December 22, 2022. **However, the Plymouth Board of Education has agreed to continue free meals until the end of this school year (2022-2023) to help our families during these trying times.**

Please know that the traditional free, reduced, and paid meal price program will resume next year on the first day of the 2023-2024 school year. **Families are encouraged to complete the application for free and reduced meals. Please be aware that the criteria for qualification is adjusted annually, so while a family may not have qualified in the past, they may qualify now.** Applications for free and reduced status can be found on our website. *Students who do not qualify for free or reduced meals will be charged for breakfast and lunch beginning on the first day of school for the 2023-2024 school year. Our Charging policy can be found on our website under Parents/Students, Food Service tab.*

You can add money to your child's meal account to purchase a la carte items, by sending cash or a check payable to Plymouth School Lunch with your child to school, or on EZ School pay website.

Free meals will no longer be available to students beginning School year 2023-2024 unless your household is eligible for a free or reduced meal price. We have also included in this letter our community's food pantry contact information, as well as the Human Services contact information.

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

20 Dewey Ave
Terryville, CT 06786
(860) 584-1750

Plymouth Human Services Department

80 Main Street
Terryville, CT 06786
(860) 585-4028

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact
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