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HISD launching curbside summer meals program for students on June 1

Summer meals program replacing community feeding, which concludes with final NRG distribution on May 22

May 19, 2020 – As the school year comes to a close, the Houston Independent School District is transitioning from its community food distribution efforts to a curbside summer meals program for students.

Beginning June 1, families will be able to pick up boxed student meals twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays at one of [68 designated schools](#) across the district. Boxes may be picked up by students, parents, or other adult family members.

Each box will contain a day's worth of meals, including breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack. Families will receive several days' worth of food — three boxes on Mondays and four on Thursdays — per child at each pick up.

Boxes will be provided for all children in the vehicle. Children are not required to be present, but the driver must show proof of enrollment in any school district (report card, student id, etc.) or birth certificate.

"The school year may be wrapping up, but the need is still there for our families," HISD Interim Superintendent Dr. Grenita Lathan said. "By modifying our traditional summer meals program, we can continue to feed our students in a safe way."

Mandated by the state, the transition to the summer meals program marks the end of the district's community feeding efforts, held in partnership with the Houston Food Bank.

In the ten weeks since the district's closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 5.2 million pounds of food have been served to Houston families in need through distribution sites across the district.

Community food distributions will continue this week with 25 weekday campus distribution sites before concluding on Friday, May 22, with a final mass community food distribution from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at NRG to help bridge the gap between programs.

For a list of current weekday community distribution sites, visit www.HoustonISD.org/HealthAlerts.

For more information on the summer meals program and to see a map of food distribution sites, please visit houstonisd.org/summermeals.

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The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the seventh-largest in the United States, with 280 schools and more than 209,772 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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