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Meals at No Charge for All Children

Suffolk City Public Schools will be serving meals at no charge to children 18 and under. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved waivers for local school divisions and other federal meal program sponsors to implement the Summer Food Service Program to provide meals to children in the community free of charge through December 31, 2020. The waivers support access to nutritious meals while minimizing exposure to COVID-19. Meals are available to all children including those learning in-person or virtually and regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

For information regarding meal distribution visit our website at www.spsk12.net or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SuffolkVAPublicSchools/

Meals will be provided, on a first come, first served basis at the following times and locations:

Delivery information listed on school website at

www.spsk12.net/news/what_s_new/sept__25_update__fall_meal_delivery.

For further information, please contact Dr. Lawrence Whiting, Director, Food and Nutritional

Services Department (757) 925-5789.

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- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: <u>program.intake@usda.gov</u>.

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