

# **IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

## ***School Meals*** Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART)

During the transition back to normal school operations in school year 2022-23, the Trumbull Public Schools has opted in to the School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) funds providing meals (breakfast and lunch) **at no cost for all students at the beginning of the school year**. Please note that meals at no cost to all students *are unlikely to last all year and are subject to the availability of district funds*. **Since the availability of meals at no cost will expire when all funds have been expended, it is critical that households submit a free and reduced-priced meal application as soon as possible to determine a student's eligibility for this school year and avoid unpaid meal charges.**

Completing and submitting an application will also help your child's school raise additional funds to help us make meals available to all students at no cost for as long as possible. The district will notify parents and guardians of the date when students who are not **directly certified** or have **no approved application** on file will be expected to pay for their meals. Note: Households that do not submit a free or reduced-price application or whose child is not directly certified, **will automatically default to full pay when the SMART funds conclude.**

**Note:** Children receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) or Medicaid (HUSKY A) benefits *may* be directly certified and automatically eligible for free meals without applying for benefits. (Some children who receive Medicaid (HUSKY A) benefits **may** also be directly certified and automatically eligible for *reduced-price* meals.) Questions regarding SNAP/TFA/Medicaid and direct certification should be sent to the determining official, **B. Sinko, 203-452-4500**

If you have received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION for free or reduced-price meals, **do not** complete the application unless instructed to do so by the district. Let the school know if any children in your household are **not** listed on the **Notice of Direct Certification** letter you received, since free or reduced meal benefits are extended to all children in a household when directly certified.

Any Questions please call the Food Services Office at, 203-452-4500