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TO: Principals

FROM: Wanda F. Paul, M.Ed., MBA, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: FREE FOOD AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES

Hunger is a concern in our community. Over the ten long days of Spring break away from school, many children will go hungry. Local partner organizations have teamed up to assist the District's students and their families. These organizations: Living Hungry, Farm Share, and the South Florida Hunger Coalition (SFHC), have worked together to obtain 10 truckloads of FEMA Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs) to distribute to our community so students will not go hungry over the upcoming Spring Break, Saturday, March 16, through Monday, March 25.

At the end of hurricane season, FEMA and the National Guard across Florida shipped food and water to the Palm Beach Post warehouse. There are over 100 pallets of MREs available for schools at the Palm Beach Post Warehouse Building located at 2751 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33405. The food will be available for pick-up from Tuesday, March 12, through Thursday, March 14, for distribution to families by Friday, March 15.

Presently, each school is being offered one pallet (576 meals per pallet, each case weighs 25 lbs.). Each pallet has 48 cases and each case contains 12 different menus. Sample menus are: Beef Taco, Elbow Macaroni in Tomato Sauce, Chili with Beans, Tuna Casserole etc. The meal kits of up to 10 items are tightly packed into pouches including such additional items as: tortillas, shredded beef BBQ, black beans in sauce, cheese spread, dried cranberries, powder juice, and gum. Additionally, one add-water self-heating pouch is included in each MRE, and matches may be included in some napkin packs. Due to the inclusion of these two items, cases must be distributed to an adult. Cases of water may also be available, on a first come first served basis, as requested and directed by the Principal.

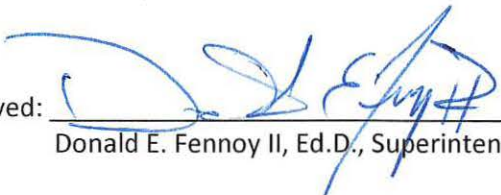
In order to schedule your pick-up time in West Palm Beach, you must register by clicking on the following link: <https://doodle.com/poll/ddm8izgmeuzndn5g>. **Registrations must be received by Thursday, March 7.** Pick-up appointments at the Palm Beach Post Warehouse site will be offered every 30 minutes from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, and Wednesday, March 13. On Thursday, March 14, time slots are available from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Thanks to Living Hungry and their partner the Glades Initiative, a local distribution location will be available for the Glades Schools. In order to schedule your pick-up time in Belle Glade, you must register by clicking on the following link: <https://doodle.com/poll/sugkp5y2wy57z92g>. **Registrations must be received by Thursday, March 7.** Pick –up appointments at the Belle Glade site will be offered every 15 minutes from 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, through Thursday, March 14.

After registering for your appointment for pick-up in the doodle poll – a confirmation email will be sent within 48 hours with the exact pick-up address. Please be patient and note, the Doodle Poll system does not automatically send out an instant confirmation.

Thank you for your interest in feeding students. With your help and support, children do not need to go hungry over the 2019 Spring Break.

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Approved: 
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