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|  | Dear School Nutrition Program (SNP) Sponsor,  The June collection of SUN Bucks student files from schools was successful, and validated files were received from nearly every School Nutrition Program (SNP) sponsor in Pennsylvania. Thank you for your staff’s efforts to submit your school’s file correctly and on time!  The Department of Human Services (DHS) is currently issuing the 2024 SUN Bucks benefit ($120 per eligible student) to the families of all eligible students. They expect to be done by October 2024.  If a family contacts your school with a SUN Bucks question, your school should guide them to use the DHS SUN Bucks resources listed at the bottom. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) strongly recommends proactively sharing these resources and making them easily accessible to the public, primarily via the school’s website or by including them in the school’s automated answering system (telephone or email). It can also be included in all future correspondence to parents about SUN Bucks.  DHS is the lead agency for SUN Bucks benefits. Neither CSIU/CSC (SUN Bucks School Helpdesk) nor PDE can assist families with eligibility or benefit questions. Additionally, the school is limited in its ability to help families beyond confirming that the student is/is not eligible based on free (eligible), reduced (eligible), or paid (not eligible) status.  **Do not provide the SUN Bucks School Helpdesk contact information to families. Only DHS can assist the families.**  As a reminder, a student is automatically eligible for 2024 SUN Bucks if they were enrolled any time during the 2023-2024 school year in an NSLP/SBP-participating school **and** qualified for free or reduced-price meals based on Direct Certification, Categorical Eligibility (homeless, foster, migrant, runaway, or Head Start), or​ Household Application for Free/Reduced Meals.  Note: Students who attended a school that did not sponsor the NSLP/SBP in 2023-2024 are eligible for SUN Bucks if they are on the State’s DC list and are of compulsory age (6 to 18 years). DHS will automatically issue benefits to these children.  ​  Any student’s family who is not automatically eligible for SUN Bucks can apply for SUN Bucks directly with DHS (see application information under Resources below).  **DHS SUN Bucks Resources:**   1. **DHS SUN Bucks website**: [https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/summer-ebt.html](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pa.gov%2Fen%2Fagencies%2Fdhs%2Fresources%2Fsummer-ebt.html&data=05%7C02%7Cprestond%40tesd.net%7Cc941574c660246fd459608dcb7bb828e%7Cd7991aabbfe046e88315ded87d122e63%7C0%7C0%7C638587263189964979%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oF%2Fx1PnBWGIt7%2BIHePA9cbXKfxUZpR1k7njpVp%2F6exA%3D&reserved=0) 2. **Eligibility Navigator** – a tool on the DHS SUN Bucks website that allows families to determine if their child is automatically eligible for SUN Bucks and whether they need to apply. Online: [SUN Bucks Eligibility Navigator (pa.gov)](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fqualtrics.pa.gov%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_7NTYk9miF6rmHpI&data=05%7C02%7Cprestond%40tesd.net%7Cc941574c660246fd459608dcb7bb828e%7Cd7991aabbfe046e88315ded87d122e63%7C0%7C0%7C638587263189976470%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7tkH3ysAstJKdQp7av2C9W5vFp7en40t%2BaCJCV6%2FE7k%3D&reserved=0). 3. **SUN Bucks application** – a fillable online form on the DHS SUN Bucks website or a paper form obtained at the family’s County Assistance Office (CAO).    * SUN Bucks applications are due by 8/31/2024 to be considered for the 2024 benefit. Applications received by DHS after 8/31 will be considered during the 2025 summer application period. 4. **Family FAQs** – printed on the DHS SUN Bucks website 5. **Recorded Family FAQs** - 1-877-762-1575 6. **SUN Bucks questions via phone beginning 8/19/2024**:  1-877-395-8930, or 1-215-560-7226 in Philadelphia   Contact the SUN Bucks School Helpdesk if you have questions about information in this email or anything related to SUN Bucks. Helpdesk operating hours are 8am – 4pm, Monday through Friday.  Thank you,  SUN Bucks School Helpdesk  CSIU – Center for Schools and Communities  800-683-5100 or [sebt@csc.csiu.org](mailto:sebt@csc.csiu.org) |  |