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Children Can Pick Up Free Meals at Locations Across Alabama During Short-Term School Closure

Jackie Zeigler
District I
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Montgomery, Ala. – With the short-term closure of Alabama schools until April 6 due to COVID-19 precautions, students in need of breakfast and lunch will have access to free meals at sites across the state.

Tracie West
District II

Free breakfasts and lunches will be distributed to any child aged 18 and younger, at sites across the state.

Stephanie Bell
District III

No paperwork is required, but children must be present with a parent or guardian to receive these meals. To maintain “social distancing”, the meals must be picked up “to go” and will not be consumed at the distribution location.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

Because many of the 720,000 Alabama students impacted live in areas of poverty, it is important that they receive a healthy, nutritious breakfast and lunch every weekday they are at home instead of school.

Tommie T. Stewart, Ph.D.
District V

Visit www.breakforaplate.com, or call 211 today for more information.

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI

State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey said, “The State Department of Education already has an effective, successful free meals system in place, which usually goes into effect at the start of the summer months. We’ve already mobilized that program so that children in need can receive breakfast and dinner in the weeks between now and when schools are reopened.”

Jeff Newman
District VII
Vice President

To find a distribution location near you serving children free breakfast and lunch, visit www.BreakforaPlate.com.

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII

ABOUT BREAK FOR A PLATE

Break for a Plate, Alabama’s summer food service program, provides two nutritious meals every day to all children and teens up to 18 years of age during the summer months, regardless of household income.

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
Secretary and
Executive Officer

A joint effort of the Alabama State Department of Education and the USDA, Break for a Plate served a record 3 million meals to children in 2019.

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