**Tyrrell County School (TCS) Students Receive Pandemic Food and Nutrition Services Benefits (P-EBT) for August and September 2020**

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The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in collaboration with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has submitted a plan and received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to implement a P-EBT for School Year 2020-2021.

DHHS provided P-EBT benefits for August and September 2020 to Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) and non-FNS households with one or more children in their household who:

* The school is eligible to provide free or reduced-priced meals for the 2020-2021 school year; and
* The entire school district or charter school utilized virtual learning for all students at least five consecutive school days between August 17th and September 30th; and
  + Had access to free or reduced-priced meals during the 2019-2020 school year; or
  + Was Directly Certified for free or reduced-priced meals at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year; or
  + Currently attends a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school.

Tyrrell County Schools are CEP schools, which means ALL TCS students received P-EBT. The daily rate of benefits for P-EBT is $5.86 per student. Allotment amounts are calculated based on the number of days the student is not at school due to COVID-19 closures. In Tyrrell County, 551 students received P-EBT benefits totaling $106,552 for August and September 2020.

There is no application for NC P-EBT benefits. Some households received benefits on an existing EBT card and some on a new P-EBT card. If applicable, P-EBT benefits were loaded on the same card that was received during the 2019-2020 P-EBT. The household may continue to use the same card. If the household lost or destroyed their previous card, they may order a new card following the instructions provided on the notice. One option to order a replacement card is to call the NC EBT Call Center at 1-888-622-7328.