



May 15, 2020

Dear OFY Families,

We hope you're all staying safe and positive as stay-at-home orders are extended and the state gradually prepares to reopen. OFY's decision to continue distance learning into the beginning of next school year is in line with the recommendations of public officials in an effort to keep our local communities healthy through the fall and winter. We understand what a tremendous challenge this is for both parents and students, and we commend you for your strength and resilience.

On a related note, we have received some important information from the California Department of Social Services that we'd like to share with you-

Due to economic challenges related to COVID-19, **families that are eligible for free or reduced-price meals are being provided additional food support.** These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT, or P-EBT for short. Most families who receive CalFresh, CalWORKS, Medi-Cal or other social services benefits will get a P-EBT card in the mail before May 22. If this applies to your family, keep a close eye out so your cards don't accidentally end up in the trash with junk mail.

Other families will need to complete a simple and quick online application before June 30, 2020. Qualifying families will get up to \$365 per eligible child on individual P-EBT cards. You can use P-EBT cards just like a debit card to buy food and groceries for your children.

For more information regarding eligibility and applications, please visit the California Department of Social Services website at: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/home/pandemic-ebt>. You can also access a flyer and FAQs on the OFY website [here](#).

Sincerely,

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