

Houghton-Portage Township Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please take a moment to complete the form and return it to your student's school. The Application for Summer EBT and Education Benefits with the Michigan School Meals Program collects information needed to ensure the school receives state and federal funding for education programs. **Without this information, Houghton-Portage Township Schools could lose important state funding for educational programs that our students are entitled to.** These supplemental grants and programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional staff (ex. Reading Interventionists, Math Tutors, Academic & Behavior Aids)
- Teaching supplies and materials
- Counselors and Social Workers
- School Nurses
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

Why is Houghton-Portage Township Schools requesting financial information? The School Meals and Summer EBT Application determines eligibility of a student or household. The total count of eligible students is used to determine the funding amounts that will be made available to a school. The more forms returned the better.

What do I need to do? Please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school. Your assistance in helping us maintain our current funding levels is greatly appreciated.

What else might my student or household be eligible for? Based on the information you gave on your School Meals and Summer EBT Application, your child may qualify for other programs such as:

- Summer EBT
- Programs that provide food support

If you have any questions, please contact Shelby Turnquist at 906-482-0450 ext. 3340.

Sincerely,



Anders Hill

Superintendent
Houghton-Portage Township Schools