



A message from our meal vendor, Revolution Foods...

While the start of the school year looked a little different for everyone, I wanted to share with you some good news that schools nationwide received. The USDA extended a waiver that allows schools to serve **free breakfast and lunch to ALL students, through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.** We are thrilled with this news as it means that we will be able to provide all Boston Collegiate Charter School students with nutritious and nourishing food for free that will support them, both in school and at home.

What this means for your family and for Boston Collegiate Charter Schools

- Your children, will receive a healthy breakfast and lunch every school day, at no cost, in a safe and welcoming environment. This applies to students who are attending classes in school or virtual classes at home, or a hybrid combination of these models.
- You may pick up meals for your children who are remote learners at designated schools or other meal sites that are distributing meals.
- It allows Boston Collegiate Charter School to provide the most nourishing and appetizing meals possible for your children. When your children eat school meals, it helps the school system by providing federal funds to the district. The more meals we serve, the more funding we receive, allowing us to focus on meal quality, variety and innovative practices (new recipes, frozen take home meals, etc.). If your children have never before participated in school meals, consider trying the program this year!
- It helps you save time and money. By allowing us to prepare meals for your children you don't have to plan and shop for your children's breakfast and lunch each school day.

In addition, we encourage your family to still submit a household application, and we also encourage families to apply for SNAP benefits. SNAP provides monthly cash benefits (on an EBT card) to purchase groceries for eligible families. To apply for SNAP, visit www.startwithsnap.org or call the Project Bread FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. If you are unsure whether your family is eligible, the FoodSource Hotline can assist you with eligibility questions. Families approved for SNAP are directly eligible to receive free meals at school and do not need to fill out an application for free and reduced price meals.

Please reach out with any questions you might have to Ms. Misci at 617-265-1172 ext. 7700 or at kmisci@bostoncollegiate.org. Your children are the reason we do our jobs and we are here to make sure that they are fueled with good food!

Best,

Revolution Foods and Boston Collegiate Charter School