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Dear ER9 Community:

During the time ER9 schools are closed, our Food Service Program will offer lunches and, once we have a system in place, breakfasts to students in need.

The Food Service Program in our five schools is managed by the Chartwells Food Company, which operates locally out of Joel Barlow High School.

Commencing **Thursday, March 19**, the program will offer drive up-and take-away lunches (called "Grab and Go") for students in need. The pick up area for all grade level students will be behind Joel Barlow High School at the back entrance to the cafeteria/food services area. The area will be marked. If you have never been to Barlow, please drive to the back parking lot of the high school using Turney Road in Redding.

Here are the specifics:

- Pickup times will be 11 am – 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays **only**. Pickup times have been limited to minimize person-to-person contact as much as possible.
- Each pick up will contain two lunches (i.e. Thursday's pick up would have lunch for both Thursday and Friday).
- We are hopeful to extend this next week to also include two breakfasts.
- **Please email our Business Operations Manager, Oliver Crouch (email address - ocrouch@er9.org), by 3 pm the day before the pickup time so we can ensure we have enough lunches prepared.**
- In your email, please note the names of the students for whom you will be collecting meals and the school he/she attends.

Food related questions should go directly to the Director of Food Services – David Kennedy; telephone 203-938-0862.

We must also stress that this is a “Grab and Go” service; it has been designed for you to spend as little time as possible at the high school collecting your lunch(es).

Free and Reduced Meal Program:

Complete information on the free and reduced meal program, including the application process, is posted on all school Websites under "Parent Information" and is available at this link: https://www.er9.org/parent_information/free_or_reduced_priced_meals Any questions about this program should be directed to Oliver Crouch, Business Operations Manager (email ocrouch@er9.org).