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# **LPPS continues to provide nutritious meals for students during summer break**

*District will oversee six “Meet Up and Eat Up” sites to distribute breakfasts and lunches at no cost to parents*

**LINCOLN PARK, Mich.** – As part of its commitment to ensuring students have access to healthy and nutritious meals throughout the year, **Lincoln Park Public Schools** (LPPS) is operating six **Meet Up and Eat Up** sites that offer no-cost breakfast and lunches each day of summer break. LPPS has participated in the USDA’s summer food service program since 2006.

“Proper nutrition plays a huge role in a student’s ability to learn and achieve regardless of the time of year,” said **Terry Dangerfield**, superintendent of **Lincoln Park Public Schools**. “Hungry students struggle to learn, which is why we’re proud to provide our students with healthy, nutritious options for breakfast and lunch that will fuel their learning and development during these long summer days.”

The program offers children 18 years old and younger, or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in the district’s special education program, no cost nutritious breakfast and lunch options. **Mark Rodriguez**, Lincoln Park’s food service director, oversees six Eat Up and Meet Up sites in Lincoln Park. Adults can purchase meals for \$2.

“Research shows many students who receive free and reduced meals at school often don’t have access to quality meals during the summer,” Rodriguez said. “Many students depend on these meals to get them through days that might be filled with summer school, sports or other activities. I’m proud to be part of this important effort that benefits many students and families in our community.”

Last year, the district distributed almost 20,000 meals. All meals follow guidelines provided by the national school lunch program. There are five components to each meal: two ounces of protein, two pieces of bread, fruit, vegetables and milk. Students can decline any item and are not required to take all five components.

Meals will be provided at the following sites:

**Foote Elementary**, 3250 Abbott Ave., Lincoln Park, MI 48146

June 17, 2019 – August 16, 2019

Lunch only: Noon to 1 p.m. Monday – Friday

**Keppen Elementary School**, 661 Mill St., Lincoln Park MI 48146

June 17, 2019 – August 16, 2019

Breakfast: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday – Friday

Lunch: Noon to 1 p.m. Monday – Friday

**Lafayette School**, 1801 Lafayette Blvd., Lincoln Park, MI 48146

June 17, 2019 – August 16, 2019

Breakfast: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday – Friday

Lunch: Noon to 1 p.m. Monday – Friday

**Lincoln Park Middle School**, 2800 Lafayette Blvd., Lincoln Park, MI 48146

June 24, 2019 – August 16, 2019

Lunch only: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday – Friday

**Mixer Elementary School**, 3301 Electric Ave., Lincoln Park, MI 48146

July 1, 2019 – August 2, 2019

Breakfast: 8:15 to 9:15 a.m., Tuesday - Thursday

Lunch: 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Tuesday – Thursday

**Raupp Elementary School**, 1351 Ethel Ave., Lincoln Park, MI 48146

June 17, 2019 – August 16, 2019

Breakfast: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday – Friday

Lunch: Noon to 1 p.m. Monday – Friday

All sites will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5.

For more information, contact the Lincoln Park Public Schools Food Services Office at 313-383-5950.

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