

Dear Ellington's Choice Families:

As part of our Ellington Family, we have been hard at work to determine a way to distribute school breakfast and lunch for our distance learners in the **Silver** group and during our hybrid operation for **Purple** and **Gold** .

Unlike the spring, Hartford Public Schools (as of today) will not serve Ellington students. Recent waivers from USDA make this plan below subject to change. It may change if Hartford Public Schools plans to apply for these waivers for all Hartford residents.

For at least this week, **we have partnered with CREC to provide a distribution site in Hartford,** along with their distribution for their distance learners. Our plan is as follows:

- **Beginning Wednesday September 9th** meals will be available for pickup at:

CREC Central
111 Charter Oak Ave.
Hartford CT 06106

From: 1:15 PM to 2:30 PM

- Meals are for **Ellington Public School students only**. State that you're picking up for Ellington and provide the name(s) of your students. You may be asked to provide a Date of Birth for verification. Students **do not** need to be physically present.
- The meals are provided for the following day, with Friday's distribution acting for Monday's lunch and breakfast.
 - If a student is in school with the **Purple** Group, the meal pattern in a full week would look like this:
 - Monday: In-school
 - Tuesday: In-school **AND** at CREC (for Wed.)
 - Wednesday: At CREC (for Thurs.)
 - Thursday: At CREC (for Fri.)

- Friday: No meal pickup
- If a student is in school with the **Gold** Group, the meal pattern in a full week would look like this:
 - Monday: At CREC (for Tues.)
 - Tuesday: At CREC (for Wed.)
 - Wednesday: No meal pickup
 - Thursday: In-school
 - Friday: In-school **AND** at CREC (for Mon.)
- **Silver** group may pick up 5 days per week.
- NOTE: On Wednesday September 9th only, students in **Purple** and **Silver** groups may pick up two meals (one for Wednesday and one for Thursday). **Gold** may pickup one meal (for Wednesday).
- Meals will be frozen/refrigerated and include both breakfast and lunch with the below heating instructions for items as needed.
- Parking is in the rear parking lot only of the CREC Central building, 111 Charter Oak Ave.
- Meals must be picked up from the kitchen entrance door only. Follow the pathway from the parking lot and the doorway is on the left side.
- No entrance or access to the building is allowed from the main front entrance, so if walking from the front of the building, you will need to walk around to the rear kitchen entrance.
- Please practice social distancing by maintaining at least 6' from others while picking up meals. Masks are required at all times, and avoid close contact with our staff and others. Wash your hands upon returning home.

Dates, times, and menus are subject to change at any time. We will do our best to keep you informed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Best,

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