

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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GNB Students and Families,

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts through Governor Healy has created the Massachusetts National School Lunch Program that permanently will provide free school meals for all students starting with the 2023-2024 school year! This means that one (1) breakfast and one (1) lunch per day will continue in the 2024-2025 school year to be served at no cost to all students.

Please note that even though meals will be free for all, it is very important for families that may still need to complete the household Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals for the 2024-2025 school year. <u>ALL applications completed in the school year 2023-2024 have been removed, a NEW application needs to be completed each year.</u> If you have already been notified of your status (direct certification) through an email from school.lunch@gnbvt.edu you do not need to complete another application. The application may assist for reduced pricing on AP testing, PSATs, etc. based on income eligibility.

You can view and complete the application here: www.myschoolapps.com

We strongly encourage ALL families (who were not directly certified already) to submit this form as it allows us to establish eligibility for EBT benefits and serve families most effectively.

In addition, please consider applying for SNAP, the federal nutrition program that provides eligible residents with monthly financial assistance to purchase groceries. More SNAP information can be found at <u>gettingsnap.org or by calling Project</u> Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

If students purchase additional items than the allotted free component breakfast or lunch, payment will need to be made by the student. For cash free transactions, families can establish an account with your student's ID number to put money on their account to scan their ID at checkout by using www.myschoolbucks.com.

The food and nutrition department at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical HS is grateful for the opportunity to provide nourishing and healthy meals to all GNB students so please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Best.

Pamela E. Stuart

School Business Administrator

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all students. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, genetics, ancestry, limited English proficiency, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, homelessness, immigration status, military status or veteran status in its education programs and activities, including admission to or employment in such programs or activities.

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