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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to inform you that Brooklyn Ascend Lower School will participate in the School Food program as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for School Year 2020-2021.

Brooklyn Ascend is a Title 1 school and we are required by the City of New York to collect free and reduced lunch forms from each household. This is to ensure we receive all funding available to us, and will allow us to continue to implement high-quality programming at our school.

What does this mean for you and your child(ren)?

Great news! All enrolled students of <u>Brooklyn Ascend Lower School</u> are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at <u>no charge</u> to your household each day of the 2020-2021 school year. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in this free meal program when we return for in-person learning. While we are remote we will not be providing meals at our school location.

In the meantime, the <u>New York City Department of Education</u> is committed to making free meals available daily for any New Yorker at over 400 meal hubs across the city. You can visit https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/free-meals for the closest meal hub to your home. The closest meal hub to Brooklyn Ascend Lower School is *P.S.* 219 1060 Clarkson Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11212



All families must complete the online School Food application. Visit

https://www.myschoolapps.com/ to complete the application process; it's quicker and easier. It should take you no longer that 15 minutes.

What you will need to provide during the application process:

- The names and incomes of every member of your household. (Optional)
- The school (fill in 84K652), grade, birthdate of every student in your house hold and an electronic signature
- A valid email address or phone number for the Office of School Food to communication about the status of the application. (Optional)

Once you have completed the application please email Ms. Watson at: latia.watson@ascendlearning.org with the confirmation number. In the subject line, please add: "FRL Status for <scholar name>" and copy & paste (or type) the confirmation number in the body of the email. The deadline is Friday, September 18th 2020.

Thank you so much in advance for helping us reach our School Foods application completion goal of 100%! If you have any questions feel free to call Ms. Watson at (718) 907-9193 or email at latia.watson@ascendlearning.org.

Best Regards, Ms. Watson, Operations Manager