Dear Kentwood Public Schools Families,

With the "Free Breakfast and Lunch for all students" program, some families may not think it is important to submit an Education Benefits form (previously the free or reduced meal application) each school year.

Please know that it is still vitally important that families complete the form if they believe they may be eligible under the federal income guidelines.

By completing the Education Benefits form at <u>http://cns.kentwoodps.org</u>, you are ensuring your family has access to all potential benefits available under a variety of state and federal programs.

In addition to individual benefits, many important school programs receive funding based on the number of students who qualify for free or reduced school meals.

Examples include elementary reading support, county special education funding, and various mental health and wellness programs.

Please submit your Education Benefits form at <u>http://cns.kentwoodps.org</u> today or <u>as soon as possible</u> to support this important process required by state and federal legislations.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please use the following contact information:

1. Assistance with Education Benefits form at <u>http://cns.kentwoodps.org</u> or a previously submitted form:

Contact the office in your child's school and they will identify the best support person for your specific situation.

2. General questions about the food service program or how state and federal funding relates to the Education Benefits form:

Contact the KPS Child Nutrition Services Office at 616-426-4727

Thank you