

## **FREE OR REDUCED APPLICATIONS INFORMATION FOR 2020-21 SY**

Applications are being accepted **online** for the 2020-21 school year at [www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com) (please see back of this page for instructions) starting July 1, 2020. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME**, you can get a paper application by picking one up at one of the following locations:

- Your student's school
  - The District Office – 445 N. Main St., Driggs
  - My Office – 500 N. 1<sup>st</sup> E., Driggs (off the Northeast corner of Driggs Elementary)
- Or** by contacting me at: 208-228-5723 or [krowbury@d401.k12.id.us](mailto:krowbury@d401.k12.id.us) with your name and mailing address

**Benefits of submitting your application online:** approved faster, more accurate, more secure (confidential), don't get lost, don't get forgotten in backpacks, among other benefits.

**Why should I fill out an application for free or reduced meals if my student doesn't eat at school?** Even if your student doesn't eat at school regularly, the eligibility numbers fund a lot of programs in the schools, like: Title 1, Special Education, E-rate (refunds for technology), Para salaries (special helpers in the schools to help support teachers and students), and other Federal Programs that support students. This brings a large chunk of Federal money into our schools that help students, so please consider filling out an application if you would qualify for meal assistance, even if your student doesn't regularly eat at school. You may even decline benefits if you are approved if you choose to do so, and the eligibility still counts for funding purposes.

Please remember that you must submit an application every school year, as income often changes. **Last year's eligibility carries over only until the end of September, so you must have your application submitted by then to avoid a lapse in eligibility.** You do not have to submit an increase in income once your application is approved for the current school year (this allows you to get back on your feet after a lapse in income). But you may reapply if your income decreases for any reason – or – your household size increases (such as you have a new baby).

**Do not hesitate to contact me if you need help**

Thank you,

Kathy Rowbury, Teton School Dist #401, Child Nutrition Director

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