## **2023 Summer P-EBT**

The Auburn School District is participating in the Federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) which qualifies all our ASD students attending in-person classes for the Pandemic EBT benefits.

The P-EBT benefits this year will be **\$120** per eligible child. There is no application needed. We do not have a timeline for when benefits will be issued -- it might be late summer or early fall. --

ASD encourages families to prepare for the Pandemic EBT:

- ◆ Sign up for text message alerts about the status of your child's P-EBT at textpebt.dshs.wa.gov
- Keep your address up to date and notify the school of any address changes. If you move during the summer, please update your address directly with P-EBT customer support.
- ◆ P-EBT benefits can be used like a debit card to buy food in most grocery stores and farmers markets, or to buy food online at Amazon, Walmart and Safeway/Albertsons. Learn more at DOH SNAP Market Match.
- ◆ If you have any questions about the Pandemic-EBT program or to report a lost/stolen card or update your address, please contact the P-EBT customer service center at: 1-833-518-0282
- OR <u>textpebt.dshs.wa.gov</u> is a two-way communication tool which allows you to text your questions and get live customer support via text.

Eligible families will receive their \$120 benefit automatically loaded onto their current P-EBT card. Families who are new to P-EBT (never received a card) will be mailed a white P-EBT card automatically for each eligible student.

Families who would like to decline/opt-out of P-EBT benefits will be provided instructions on how to decline when they receive the card in the mail. Keep in mind due to federal regulations the P-EBT benefits are not transferable, and cannot be gifted or donated.

The P-EBT cards and benefits distribution is managed by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). ASD does not distribute cards or issue benefits.

