

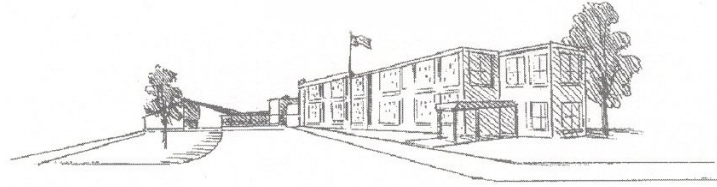
# Hartford Central School

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*"Hartford Central School, a community of educators, students, parents, and friends, dedicates itself to developing citizens who are productive and compassionate, and who, through their creativity and responsibility, will be assets to the greater community."*

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To All Parents / Guardians:

The district has been made aware of families receiving a P-EBT (*Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer*) card in the mail, but without any explanation as to why the card was received or how it can be utilized.

The issuance of the P-EBT cards is a result of the Continuing Appropriates Act of 2021 and Other Extensions Act. As part of these acts, New York State has issued, or will be issuing, P-EBT cards to households with children who would have otherwise received free school meals during the 2021-2022 school year if the school was forced to operate with reduced in-person instruction, and/or if the child was absent or remote due to the COVID pandemic. Since the Hartford CSD was a Community Eligibility Provision district during the 2021-2022 school year, all students who were enrolled during the 2021-2022 school year should be eligible to receive the benefit, regardless of income. (*Please note, the Hartford CSD is still a Community Eligibility Provision district and is able to continue offering free breakfast and lunch to all students for the 2023-2024 school year.*)

According to the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, P-EBT cards were to be issued in April and May 2023 to eligible K-12 students and children under the age of 6 who were receiving SNAP benefits. Additionally, summer 2022 P-EBT food benefits will be issued automatically to all eligible children who were not eligible for automatic 2021-22 school year payments beginning in the spring of 2023 and ending by September 29, 2023.

For additional information, please visit: <https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Pandemic-EBT.asp#faq-q1-1>

If you have further questions regarding your child's eligibility, please contact the P-EBT Helpline at 1-833-452-0096.

Sincerely,

Andrew Cook  
Superintendent  
Hartford Central School District