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Breakfast and lunch to be delivered at bus stops and individuals homes in Milwaukee's 53206, 53205, and 53233 neighborhoods

MILWAUKEE, WI (June 2, 2021) — Milwaukee Public Schools is partnering with the [MPS Foundation](#) and the [Greater Milwaukee Foundation-MKE Responds Fund](#) on a pilot program that will deliver free meals to children and adults at bus stops and individual homes in the 53206, 53205, and 53233 ZIP codes this summer. This program is open to any Milwaukee resident that lives within these ZIP codes, not just MPS families. Participants will receive free meal bundles on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the months of July and August that contain breakfast and lunch for each day of the week.

Throughout the pandemic, MPS has been providing free meals to families in need at pick-up sites around the city, but lack of access to transportation has been cited as a barrier to accessing nutritious food for students and their families.

While using flexibilities of the USDA Summer Food Service Program waivers, the Summer Meal Delivery Pilot Program has been designed to help address hunger by delivering meals to ZIP codes that rely more heavily on public transportation. This program will also supply grade-specific bags of reading and enrichment materials as part of the program.

Interested families that live in one of the specified ZIP codes should register online by Friday, June 11th, 2021. Space in the program is limited, so participants will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. Selected participants will be notified of their acceptance into the program and provided details regarding meal delivery.

Registration link for meal delivery program: <http://mpsmke.com/mealdelivery>

"Hunger is a health issue; it affects people's physical and mental health in serious ways," says Wendell Willis, MPS Foundation, Executive Director. "We know that many of our Milwaukee families who rely on school meals, go without them in the Summer. Adding delivery and adult meals to this nutrition program will ensure that Milwaukee students and their families have the nutrition they need to be healthy and well during this time of need."

Families not living in one of the specified ZIP codes can still participate in the MPS Summer Food Service Program by pre-ordering meal bundles for pick up on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the following schools: Bethune, Browning, Congress, Cooper, Engleburg, Fifty-Third Street, La Escuela Fratney, Fernwood Montessori, Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language, North Division, Rogers Street Academy, Vieau, Vincent, Wedgewood Park International School, and Zablocki. Pre-ordered meal bundles will contain a packaged breakfast and lunch for anyone in the community that is 18 and under. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the meal bundles will contain two days' worth of breakfast and lunch. On Fridays, children will receive breakfast and lunch for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The MPS Summer Food Service Program will officially kick-off on June 21st, 2021. Families can begin to place their orders beginning the week of June 7th using the link below.

MPS Summer Food Service Program Meal Pre-Order Link: <http://mpsmke.com/meals>

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Our core areas of focus include:

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- Green playgrounds and outdoor learning environments
- United Nations programming
- Teacher and student supplies
- Arts programs
- Targeted funding for immediate district needs

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