

Good day Benzie Central Families! This is Mr. Olson with updated information regarding our food service program and our upcoming meal delivery service.

We are planning to deploy our program beginning tomorrow - Tuesday March 17th. All students from PreK to High School are eligible, though we will be utilizing our regular Middle/High School bus runs and stops to make the deliveries. The way that this will work is that our busses will depart the high school parking lot at or about 9:00AM to begin their runs. They will then proceed on their runs, stopping at each regular stop as they normally do at the end of each school day. We ask that you please be watching for them between the hours of about 9:00AM and 11:00AM. Delivery will take place right at the stops. Again - ALL children are eligible for this service. The State of Michigan has even extended it beyond our regular district students. So if your child does not attend Benzie Central, but this assistance would be helpful, we welcome that participation as well.

Should you miss the bus at the stop, meals will also be available for direct pickup in front of the Middle/High school building from 11:00 - 11:30AM as well.

Further deliveries will take place on Friday March 20th, Monday March 23rd, and Thursday, March 26th. Each delivery will contain multiple days' worth of food. Any adult or child may pick up the meals from the stop. The child/children need not be present to receive the meals. We only ask that whoever is taking the delivery be healthy for the safety and well-being of our staff.

All busses will be cleaned and disinfected prior to establishing this service, and Benzie employees will be taking necessary precautions to safely serve and deliver meals.

Finally - We want to thank our bus drivers, food service workers, paraprofessionals, and all support staff who are banding together to bring this service to our students!

Thank you, be well, and we truly hope this may be helpful to our community as we work to get through these events together as a #OneBenzie family!

Have a great day,

Matthew P. Olson

Superintendent Benzie Central Schools