



**For Immediate Release**

## Liberty Hill ISD and SFE Announce Free Meals for All Students

### **Beginning October 4, all students can receive free breakfast and lunch at school**

[Liberty Hill, TX] Liberty Hill ISD announced today that it will transition its current school meals program to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Breakfast and lunch meals will now be available to all students at no charge. (Please note that the SSO program does not include a la carte menu items or second meals). This new program reduces the burden for families and schools and ensures all children have access to the healthy, great tasting meals they deserve. The SSO program will begin on Monday, October 4.

While no application or eligibility determination is required for your student to receive free meals this school year, income eligibility requirements will likely resume in the 2022-2023 school year. As such, Liberty Hill ISD will process household applications during School Year 2021-2022 to ensure student eligibility for free or reduced-price meals during the first 30 days of the 2022-2021 school year while 2022-2023 applications are being processed. Each school/site or central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed upon request.

LHISD is thrilled to launch the program alongside the district's school nutrition partner SFE. "The SSO program benefits students and families in so many ways. With all students able to receive breakfast and lunch meals for free, no child should be hungry in the classroom, on the playground or at their after-school activities. We are proud to partner with SFE to bring this program to life for Liberty Hill ISD students," Rosanna Guerrero, Chief Financial Officer for LHISD.

Students can expect the same great meals they were receiving since the start of the school year with classic favorites such as hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza available weekly. In addition, the Liberty Hill ISD café teams are working hard on new specials such as featured tacos, nachos, and deli sandwiches.

"SFE's made-from-scratch approach uses fresh ingredients, herbs and seasonings to create flavorful dishes that are also healthy for our students," said Ana Tarpley, Director of Area Operations, SFE. "Our students can truly taste the difference in our menus because our Chefs use quality ingredients to bring out the best flavors in every recipe."

Students and families can review all menus online through the district website.

For additional information, please contact:

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