



Dear: Community Member,

You can be a champion for summer meals! During the school year, 21 million children receive free and reduced-price meals through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs (NSLP). But when school is out, many low-income children relying on these school meals go hungry. To fill this gap, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides federally funded meals through the summer meals programs, including the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the NSLP Seamless Summer Option. These programs provide free, nutritious summer meals to children at approved sites in areas with high concentrations of low-income children.

Mitchell School District provides free meals to children and is approved by South Dakota Department of Education to operate this summer. Meals will be served at several locations all summer. Please read the attached flyer below for all the details. There are no income requirements, and any child under 18 may come and eat.

Local leaders play a critical role because they are trusted sources of information and possess a clear understanding of the specific needs of the communities. We would like to invite [partner organization/community leader name] to support our summer food site by empowering the community organizations to champion summer meals! Let these groups know that Federal funds are available to support our efforts. Highlight our efforts in local media and newsletters or other publications, thereby gaining free press for summer meals and ensuring more families know summer meals are available for their children.

The USDA, Food and Nutrition Service have many resources to assist States and sponsors in administering USDA Summer meal programs. Some current resources include the following: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp> or <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/opportunity-schools> for schools providing the Seamless Summer program.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Leann Carmody
Mitchell School District

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**Free Summer
Meals Program**

Kids 18 & Under Eat Free Breakfast & Lunch!

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

From: **May 29 to August 2*** Closed July 4th-July 5th

The Following Schools:

Longfellow Elementary (110 N. Mentzer St)
GBR Elementary (1301 N Kimball St)

Mitchell Middle School (800 West 10th Ave)
Mitchell High School (920 North Capital St)

Will Be Offering:

FREE Breakfast 7:30-10:00 and
FREE Lunch 11:00-1:00 for
Children ages 1-18

Price for an **Adult Breakfast Meal \$2.50,**

Price for an **Adult Lunch \$4.00**