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**OTTAWA AREA SCHOOLS OFFER INTERACTIVE MAP OF MEAL DISTRIBUTION
SITES FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES**

HOLLAND, MI - Ottawa Area ISD has been working with local schools across the Ottawa area to ensure that all students throughout the OAISD service region are included in meal distribution plans during the school closure period amid the COVID-19 health emergency.

An [interactive map](#) of meal distribution locations is available on the [Ottawa Area ISD website](#). The map is searchable by address or “use my location” information and may be accessed at oaisd.org/covid-19-freestudentmealsmap.

Families should check with their local school or district for verification on times and locations before heading to meal distribution locations. Some addresses are "approximate locations" because they are at an intersection of roads, rather than a specific address.

Important things families should know:

- Parents may participate in ANY of the local district food service plans now through April 5, 2020. Most schools and districts are offering multiple pick-up opportunities and will receive meals for multiple days to limit the number of trips required.
- Though some local school sites refer to all children “age 18 & under,” they realize that Special Needs includes students “up to age 26” and are prepared to serve these families.
- There is NO cost for the meals, regardless of whether or not the family qualifies for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program.
- Children do NOT need to be present with the parent(s) to pick up meals.

“School staff members throughout the region are very concerned about the wellbeing of students who rely on their school for meals, and recognize there are additional challenges for students who are considered ‘homeless,’” said Ottawa Area ISD Superintendent Pete Haines. “We continue to look for ways to make access to meals for our school children easier, through our schools and school partners.”

Other food resources may be found at www.ottawafood.org/findfood/.

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