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June 27, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) is a federal program designed to provide food support to families with children who were receiving free and reduced-price school meals and missed school for COVID-related absences. It can help families pay for food when students are absent from school due to a COVID-19 related isolation/quarantine. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (DHS), received approval to operate this program in response to the COVID-19 related school closures for school year 2021-22.

To be eligible a student must:

- All OMSD students are eligible;
- Have been absent from school due to COVID-19 isolation/quarantine

*\*\*Benefits are allowed only on planned school calendar days. Benefits are not allowed on weekends or holidays.*

For students whose instruction choice was **in-person**, the households can contact the Ozark Mountain School District at 439-2218 and complete the Arkansas Parent-Initiated P-EBT Application. Parents may also choose to fill out the google form which can be found on our website. The school district will verify the absences, approve the application, and submit the student's information to DESE. DESE will provide a file for DHS to process the benefit.

Anticipated timeline:

- June 15, 2022 – July 15, 2022 – Household to complete the application process and submit to the district
- July 18, 2022- July 29, 2022 – District to consolidate collected student information and submit spreadsheet to DESE
- August 1, 2022-August 12, 2022 – DESE consolidate all district submitted spreadsheets and submit file to DHS for payment processing.
- August 15 – September 30, 2022 – DHS prepare payment file for payment processing, send files to processor for payment.

If you have questions or need help, contact Rhea Freeman, at 439-2218..

Sincerely,

Jeff Lewis, Superintendent

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
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- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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