

To the Administrator Addressed

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| DATE: | March 18, 2020 |
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| SUBJECT: | Texas Students MealFinder |
| CATEGORY: | Action Needed |
| NEXT STEPS: | Have Appropriate Staff Complete Texas Unified Nutrition Programs |
| | System Application (perhaps your Food Service leadership) |

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is collaborating with local education agencies (LEAs) to provide a tool for parents that will allow them to locate LEA facilities serving meals.

An easy-to-use meal facility locator will be available on the TEA website and on a modified version of TXSchools.gov starting Friday, March 20, 2020. The address of the facilities as well as the days and times meals will be served will display on a searchable map.

In order to provide this service, TEA is asking LEAs to complete an application through the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) Texas Unified Nutrition Programs System (TXUNPS). Please complete the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) application in TXUNPS. TDA will collect the information and share the data with TEA on the locations and operational hours of meal services. TEA's map will be updated as more meal sites are added, removed, or relocated across Texas.

Application: TXUNPS

Adding Meal Service Sites: The TXUNPS allows LEAs to enter data about each location providing meals. You can continue to add sites in the future as you stand up more food service locations by amending your application.

Editing/Deleting Meal Service Sites: Please ensure your TXUNPS meal application is kept up to date and edit/delete meal service times as needed.

If you have any questions, please email TEA at <u>disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov</u> or TDA at <u>Squaremeals@TexasAgriculture.gov</u>.