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TO: RSU 9 Parents & Guardians

FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent

RE: Are these P-EBT Cards Legit?

DATE: 10-3-2023

If your child went to school in RSU 9 last year you probably received a P-EBT Card recently in the mail. This is legit as we have looked deeper into this and here is what we have found:

"Because our schools participated in "Provision 2" where all students are eligible for free meals, all students enrolled as of June 2023 have received the benefit and been mailed P-EBT cards. If the benefits are not used after nine months of being issued, the funds will be returned to the state."

The state has just sent out a message to us sharing that they made a mistake not giving people some info in advance. It shared the following:

"This <u>FAQ document</u>, created by DHHS, contains additional information on the program and the multiple ways that families qualify.

This includes families who have school-aged children eligible for free or reduced school lunch and children who attend a school that uses the federal <u>Community Eligibility Provision or Special Provision II</u>, which support schools in offering free school meals to all students through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Students at these schools are eligible for P-EBT regardless of their financial circumstances. No personal financial information was shared."

