

Dear Families,

As you know, the coronavirus has caused an economic crisis as well as a health one. This pandemic continues to impact families in our district in many ways, including layoffs, income changes and financial strain.

If you have recently lost income and need assistance with food, you may be eligible for a benefit through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP provides a monthly benefit on an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card (known as the MI Bridge Card) that can be used to buy food at grocery stores, [farmers' markets](#) (see attached), and any food store with the USDA sign "EBT Accepted."

If you are eligible, you could begin receiving benefits within 30 days. The card is mailed to your house and benefits are uploaded each month directly on the card.

Applying is quick and confidential. If you have general questions or want more information, please visit www.michigan.gov/mibridges or call 888-544-8773.

Wishing you well,