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## **Use MDE's Handy Locator Map App to Find Summer Meals Spots**

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LANSING – Free, healthy meals are available to Michigan children over the summer break under the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Meet Up and Eat Up program.

"It's vitally important that kids continue to eat nutritious meals over the summer to keep them healthy and fueled to continue learning while they're out of school," Interim State Superintendent Sheila Alles said.

Those up to 18 are eligible for the meals at dozens of schools and other locations statewide. Also eligible are persons, regardless of age, determined by MDE or a local school district to be mentally or physically disabled and who participate in a public or non-profit, private school program established for such persons.

The MDE's summer food service program was created to ensure that children in lower-income areas could continue to receive nutritious meals during school breaks, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs.

To find the nearest Meet Up and Eat Up site, use the MDE's locator map at [www.michigan.gov/meetupeatup](http://www.michigan.gov/meetupeatup), or text 'Food' to 877-877, enter your city and state or ZIP Code, and the address is sent to your phone. Those most sites serve meals weekdays, some serve them on weekends, too. Meal types and serving times also are available at the website.

Breakfast, lunch, snack and supper are served, depending on location.

Eligible persons may go to any site; no identification is required.

More information is available at [www.michigan.gov/sfsp](http://www.michigan.gov/sfsp).

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