

# Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

---

For Immediate Release  
Sept. 4, 2020

Contact: Kevin Lyons  
815.337.3071



## Woodstock D200 offers free meals for kids

Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 is now serving free breakfast and lunch to students within District 200 boundaries once again following a U.S. Dept. of Agriculture decision this week (Aug. 31) to bring the program back until as late as Dec. 31.

District 200 served more than 51,000 meals to students after school buildings were closed in the spring and more than 32,000 over the summer. Free breakfasts and lunches were distributed at select school buildings and delivered to key areas around the District boundaries including some larger apartment complexes.

With children home remote learning this fall, District 200 has continued using school busses to deliver meals to various stops in the greater Woodstock area. Meals have also been available for pickup at all schools from 10 a.m to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. At the start of the school year, they were offered for purchase or for free or reduced prices for families who qualify.

The number of meals distributed and the USDA decision will cause District officials to re-examine routes and put optimum resources in place in the coming weeks.

“We know there’s still a big need out there. Illinois unemployment still stands at 20 percent and the economic situation is very fluid for many of our families,” said Sue Malley, director of food services for District 200.

“While we have a system in place for families to qualify for free- and reduced-price lunches, temporarily removing these barriers should help us to get more meals to kids who need them,” Malley said.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said it is critical that children be able to receive safe and nutritious meals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This extension of the summer program authority will employ summer program sponsors to ensure meals are reaching all children — whether they are learning in the classroom or virtually — so they are fed and ready to learn, even in new and ever-changing learning environments,” Perdue said in a statement.

For delivery routes, times and other details visit [woodstockschoools.org/covid19](http://woodstockschoools.org/covid19) and click the food distribution tab. For menu information, see [woodstockschoools.org/food](http://woodstockschoools.org/food).