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Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas Feed Community and Celebrate Graduating Class of 2020

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On Saturday, May 16, the Second Harvest Food Bank will be opening a new Drive-Through Food Distribution site at the Milpitas High School. This has been a collaborative effort between the City, Milpitas Unified School District, Second Harvest Food Bank, and volunteers from the Milpitas Food Pantry and other organizations. The distribution site will be located at the Milpitas High School parking lot, 1285 Escuela Parkway, with a goal of serving 500-700 local families who urgently need groceries.

Food distribution will be the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., starting Saturday, May 16 through August 1.

Approximately 50 community volunteers are needed each Saturday to distribute food efficiently and safely. Volunteers will help with client registration, traffic control and loading food boxes into cars. Response to the call for volunteers was swift and generous, with shifts for the first week's distribution nearly full within a few hours.

Youth ages 14–17 may volunteer with parental permission, granted via [Second Harvest Food Bank's online permission form](#). Please see [Second Harvest Food Bank FAQs](#) for more information. Sign up to volunteer using the [Signup Genius link](#). If you have questions, contact Rosana Cacao, Recreation Supervisor, at rcacao@ci.milpitas.ca.gov or (408) 515-5762.

For those needing food, pre-registration is not necessary, and no income documentation is required. People will be registered on site and asked to provide simple demographic information only. Anyone who needs groceries should enter the vehicle line on Escuela Parkway from Jacklin Road and should wear a face covering and comply with social-distancing instructions.

MUSD's [No Cost Grab & Go Meals](#) is approaching 200,000 breakfast and lunches distributed to any youth ages 0-18, while the school district will continue its [Free Adult Meals](#) program in partnership with Santa Clara County and the City of Milpitas. Additionally, MUSD is continuing to partner with First 5 Santa Clara County to assist families with young children in receiving [baby formula, diapers, and baby wipes](#). Other resources can be found on the school district's [Resources \(COVID-19\) page](#).

Milpitas Unified School District's governing body and leadership team recently recognized the Graduating Classes of 2020 from Milpitas High School, Calaveras Hills and Milpitas Adult Education at the May 12 Board of Education meeting. The MUSD Board of Trustees unanimously adopted [Resolution 2020.36](#) which recognizes the student resiliency, creativity and leadership. Included within Resolution 2020.36 is a pledge to support parents, community partners and others in raising \$10,000 to ensure their graduation celebrations will be remembered forever. Any individuals, businesses, or organizations that have the means can [donate](#). All proceeds go toward celebrating the Milpitas Unified School District Graduating Class of 2020.

The Board of Education, along with Superintendent Cheryl Jordan and MUSD Staff, will host a virtual May 19 special meeting to discuss the budget impact and opportunities due to COVID-19. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on [Zoom](#).

MUSD, in partnership with online learning pioneer Coursera, is offering FREE courses for local residents who lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Coursera's Workforce Recovery Initiative offers 3,800 courses and 400 specializations at no cost. Enrollment in Coursera's courses is open through September 30, 2020, for individuals who are unemployed or underemployed. The City will also be making these available to their employees. Newly enrolled learners will have through December 31, 2020, to complete their courses. Please complete this brief [questionnaire](#) to get started today.

The district's "MUSD Bells of CHEER!" will continue next week to fortify a united Milpitas community. At 3 p.m. every day, Monday, May 18 through Thursday, May 21, the bells at each of our school sites will ring simultaneously in a show of solidarity. At the same time, all Milpitas residents can take a moment to step outside and cheer in support of our community.

The Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department is hosting a virtual town hall for students on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Students can register at <https://bit.ly/cscstudents>, and will hear from student panelists sharing personal accounts of coping during the COVID-19 pandemic, learn tips on how to manage mental and emotional wellbeing, and learn about local mental health resources.

To serve the many families experiencing financial hardship, the Milpitas Assistance Program, which discounts City fees for qualified low-income residents, is accepting applications through June 30. The program currently serves 503 families. To apply online, residents can visit www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/MAP.

Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas will continue working together to protect the wellbeing of families, residents, and businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

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MUSD Coronavirus Webpage: [MUSD Coronavirus Webpage with Updates](#)

City of Milpitas Coronavirus Webpage: [City of Milpitas Coronavirus Updates](#)

Public Health Website: <http://sccphd.org/coronavirus>

Public Health Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sccpublichealth/>

Public Health Instagram: @scc_publichealth

Public Health Twitter: @HealthySCC

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