



Holly Area Schools

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October 31, 2025

Subject: Support for Families During SNAP Benefit Delays

Dear Families of Holly Area Schools,

We know many families may rely on SNAP benefits to help put food on the table. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has posted the following update on their website:

Per the federal USDA Food and Nutrition Service, due to the federal government shutdown, there may be a delay in issuing **November 2025** food assistance benefits. Please check [MI Bridges](#) for updates. You can also visit [MI 211](#) to find food resources near you. (See FAQs on the MDHHS website.)

While this pause is expected to be temporary, we understand the added stress and the real impact it can have on household meals. Please know we are here to offer support:

- **Free school meals:** We encourage all students to take part in our **free breakfast and lunch** each day that school is in session. This is a reliable way to help ensure children have nutritious meals.
- **Local food resources:** Families seeking additional support can:
 - Dial **2-1-1** or visit mi211.org for nearby food pantries and assistance programs.
 - Visit the **Food Bank Council of Michigan** to locate food banks in your area: fbcmich.org.

In addition, we're sharing some additional resources provided in the Oakland County area:

- **Gleaners Community Food Bank – Mobile Pantry Drive-Up Events:** gcfb.org/food-assistance-programs
- **OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency):** olhsa.org
- **Forgotten Harvest – Find Food:** forgottenharvest.org/find-food
- **Food & Other Resources Hotline:** 1-888-544-8773
- **FindHelp:** findhelp.org

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You can also visit our district [Parent Outreach](#) website for a link to **Community Resources for Holly Area Families**, including a specific section for [food assistance](#).

If you need help connecting with any of these resources, please contact our Family School Liaison, **Sydney Sinclair** at **248.328.3417**. We are here to assist you confidentially and with care.

Thank you for all you do to support your children. We remain committed to the health and well-being of every student and family in our Holly community.

With care and support,

Scott M. Roper
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Holly Area Schools