

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

To: Kokomo School Corporation Parents and Students
From: David Barnes, Director of Communications

Date: June 2, 2017

Re: **FREE lunches for ALL children at “Open” sites**

Kokomo School Corporation is participating in the Summer Food Service Program from June 5 to July 14, 2017. Food Services Director Jack Lazar explained that lunches, either hot or cold, will be served FREE to ALL children, age 18 and under, at two local "open" host sites – Carver Community Center (1030 N. Purdum Street) and Garden Square Apartments (800 E. Hoffer Street). Meals will be provided FREE from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, from June 5 to July 14, 2017. No meals will be served Tuesday, July 4th.

This federally-funded Summer Feeding Program is operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is administered by the Indiana Department of Education. Kokomo School Corporation officials noted that more than 14 million children nationally depend on free or reduced-price lunches during the school year, and that this need for good nutrition is critical for children to have a safe and productive summer.

Menu items include chicken nuggets, ham & cheese sandwiches, pizza, hot dogs with coney sauce, sub sandwiches, cheeseburgers, vegetables, and milk. For additional information, contact Jack Lazar at (765) 454-7112.

The lunches will be prepared at Kokomo School Corporation kitchens and then transported to the "open" sites at Carver Community Center and Garden Square Apartments, which have volunteers who have been trained to serve the food to the children. Kokomo Schools officials wish to emphasize that this Summer Feeding Program is FREE to ALL area children 18 years of age or under. This program also is open and FREE to children from any school corporation. No discrimination is allowed in the course of this meal service.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture civil rights regulations and policies, Kokomo School Corporation is prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. It is the policy of the Indiana Department of Education not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, in its programs, activities, or employment policies as required by the Indiana Civil Rights Law.