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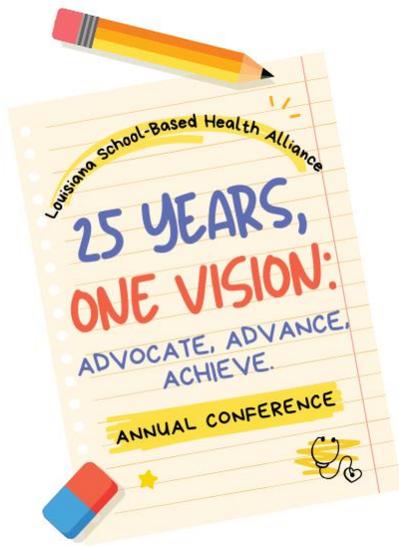
### **SBHCs IN LOUISIANA PROMOTIONAL VIDEO**

Last year, LASBHA received a Louisiana Children's Trust Fund grant to support a public awareness campaign on school-based health centers. We are proud to announce that one of the items for our awareness campaign is now ready for your viewing and sharing! Below is a 2-minute animated video that describes the meaning and value of school-based health in Louisiana.

**This video is yours to share, post on your personal and professional websites and social media, and embed where you see fit! The video was created with you in mind, and *it belongs to each of you.* We hope you enjoy!**



Direct link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqKbc1zGsOA>



## SAVE THE DATE!

*25 Years, One Vision:  
Advocate, Advance, Achieve*

LASBHA will celebrate its  
25th Annual Meeting virtually on  
**April 28-29, 2022!**

*Register today!*

To register, click the button below:

**REGISTER**

## MARCH: NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

This March we recognize National Nutrition Month! National Nutrition Month is an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to promote learning around informed food choices, healthful eating, and physical activity habits.



**NUTRITION NEWS IN LOUISIANA**

## Third Round of Pandemic EBT Benefits Coming to Eligible Louisiana Children

In Louisiana, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) [announced](#) that they've received approval from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to distribute a third round of Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits to eligible students.

P-EBT benefits will start rolling out between April and May to qualifying households with children in grades K-12 (including pre-K students in public and some private schools).

### Students are eligible to receive P-EBT if:

- they would normally receive free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, BUT
- haven't been receiving those meals during the 2021-22 school year because they are on a fully virtual schedule or missed days of school due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Louisiana distributed more than \$811.4 million in P-EBT benefits to almost 1 million students and children during the second round of P-EBT. Those benefits covered meals missed during the 2020-21 school year due to school closures, summer closures, and closures of childcare centers.

### Schools Determine Eligibility

There is no P-EBT application process for parents. **Schools will report to DCFS which students meet the criteria for eligibility.** Benefits are being calculated differently this year. Students are eligible if they are on an approved fully virtual learning schedule or missed days of school due to COVID-19, according to the school or district COVID-19 protocol. DCFS will then issue P-EBT benefits on a Louisiana Purchase EBT card to each eligible student at the mailing address provided by their school.

To learn more about P-EBT eligibility, visit the DCFS press release [here](#) or check out the informational flyer below:

- [Informational Flyer on P-EBT for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

To promote National Nutrition Month on social media, visit the toolkit page from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, or their pages dedicated to child and adolescent nutrition!

- [National Nutrition Month Social Media Toolkit](#)

- [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics - Kids Eat Right](#)

## ADVOCACY

In addition to the new promotional animation video, check out some of the latest resources we updated for your use:

- [Protocol for Hosting an Open House](#)
- [School-Based Health Center Two-Pager](#)

We encourage you to help us to advocate most effectively for continuation of state funding for our school health clinics. **You can help by offering to host a legislative open house during the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which starts THIS MONTH!** These open house events are a great way to showcase the value of the healthcare services we are providing to school age students across the state.

Cindy Bishop is our "in-house" expert on all things advocacy. She is a resource for our members. If you want to learn more about how you can be involved, please do not hesitate to contact her at: [cindy.bishop@checkmate-strategies.com](mailto:cindy.bishop@checkmate-strategies.com) or 225-933-5435. We are also happy to join you in any meetings you coordinate with Cindy or introduce you to her. Just reach out to us to arrange this!

## BE FEATURED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!

**We want to hear from you! Tell us (or show us!) what you did last month for school-based health awareness month, or send in a story about your health center or a colleague!**

To submit your story, email us at [lasbha@gmail.com](mailto:lasbha@gmail.com)!





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