

May 6, 2020

Dear Camden School Community,

For the remainder of the school year, Camden Central Schools will continue providing food to all families in need, with our community partner, Food for Thought. Currently, the Camden Central School District, with support from our amazing community partners Food for Thought, are providing grocery bags full of food each week to around 160 families with nearly 400 Camden Central School students. Various Camden School Teachers, Counselors, Social Workers and Students have volunteered their time to help Food for Thought.

If you are a family in need of food, please contact, Kathy Lynch from Abundant Life Church in Camden at 315-245-4957. Families may contact Kathy at any time during the remainder of the school closure.

On March 17, 2020 the New York State Education Commissioner, Shannon Tahoe, sent a memo to all schools requiring them to “plan with community partners to provide meals to all students and particularly to students who rely on two meals a day provided in school when school is open.” The Camden Central School District immediately went to work to feed Camden families in need with its community partner, Food for Thought. We were already partnering together in all four of our schools to send food home with students from families in need, before every extended school break.

New York State mandated that both breakfast and lunch are provided to students on a daily basis at school. The Camden Central School District / Food for Thought Program has far exceeded these expectations by delivering grocery bags full of a variety of foods, once a week, that can be used for breakfast, lunch, dinner or a snack. Camden Central School District will continue to provide funding and deliver a steady supply of food to the Food for Thought storage facility each week to make sure this program is sustained for the remainder of the school year. This will continue until the end of the school year. During the Summer Camden Central Schools have participated in the Summer Feed Program and we are planning to do that once again.

If you know of a family in need of food, encourage them to call Kathy Lynch at 315-245-4957.

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Superintendent of Camden Central Schools